

# Letters of the Roe, Jones, and Dobyns Families

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These letters were rescued from the Pinckneyville city dump by an employee of William Timpner, who knew of "Bill's" penchant for saving things. Now about 25 years later, when I was complaining of having nothing to type, Bill suggested I type these letters and papers.

They are truly treasures. The troubles, turmoils and also many of the joys of these pioneer families are revealed in these missives.

A great amount of genealogy of the Jones and Roe family is revealed. It was especially strange that just when I had finished typing the letters a gentleman gave much information to the museum which concerns these same families. It seems that someone "up there" wants us to have all of this to put together.

Please remember some of these were written before spelling was standardized, some had terrible handwriting and the years had been rough on some papers. That, plus the possibility the typist could have made an error, leads me to say, "Do not take this as a true or final record." Try and find original records for any genealogy.

Enjoy!

Inez Bost Eisenhauer, Feb. 26, 1996

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ROE, JONES, DOBYNS FAMILY HISTORY

Information taken from letters in *Voices From the City Dump*, some from *Pinckneyville Advocate*, Genevieve Rainey and Jean Allen records.

ROE

Roe, Daniel, b. Oyster Bay, NY, 1780, Welsh descent, his son, Rev. War soldier

Thomas S., s/o Daniel, b. 1818, Cincinnati, Ohio, d. Oct. 12, 1873, Ill., m Mar. 30, 1841, Anna Boyer, removed to Dayton, Ohio, then to Shawneetown, IL, then Mt. Vernon, Chester and Pinckneyville where he died 1878. He was a physician in Pinckneyville.

Children of Thomas & Anna:

1. Charles Henry, b. Feb. 24, 1842, Ohio, m. Harriet Vashti Jones in 1866
2. Robert C., b. 1844, IL, d. Feb. 14, 1862. Killed at Ft. Donnelson, Civil War
3. Franklin M., b. 1850, Ill., m. Mary Rushing

Roe, Charles Henry, (s/o Thomas. S. Roe,) b. 1842, Dayton, Ohio, went to school in Chester & Pinckneyville, was a Pvt. in Co. G. 12th Ill. Inf., mustered out Aug. 1, 1864, was appointed deputy in circuit court and 2 years later appointed clerk, d. Nov. 29, 1930, Charles m. Sept. 16, 1866 to

Harriet Vashti Jones, b. 1845, Perry Co., Ill., d. after 1900, she d/o Humphrey B. Jones.

Children :

1. Frances G., b. 1868, IL, d. aft. 1934, m. Henry Maasberger
2. Jennie, b. Oct 1868, IL, d. aft. 1934, m. Thomas Wallace
3. Gertrude
4. Harriet "Hallie" Marie, b. Oct. 1872, d. Dec. 7, 1934
5. Robert Boyer, b. Nov. 1873, d. aft. 1934, m. Fannie L. in 1900, Mt. Vernon, IL
6. Dr. Charles Henry, b. Apr. 22, 1878, d. aft 1934, m. 1904 to Sarah Dean Wilson
7. John Dewitt, b. Nov. 1882, d. aft. 1934
8. Edward R., b. 1875, d. Jan. 6, 1878, pneumonia
9. Ernestine Vashti, b. Mar. 29, 1887, m. 1954, Stanley Hedricks
10. Dr. Thomas H., b. May 30, 1880, was in Cheyenne, Wyo.
11. Zoe Inez, b. Dec. 1884, d. July 3, 1962, m. 1917 John N. Taffee

(Long article on Charles Roe in the *Pinckneyville Advocate*, June 13, 1930, plus good picture, 88 years old and still able to put in a days stint on his typewriter. He was clerk of the Circuit Court for 27 yrs., his father-in-law had held that office for 17 yrs., and his son John held it for 11 yrs. Charles later started the Roe abstract office.

Roe, Franklin M., (brother of Charles) b. 1849, Wash. Co., Ill., m. Mary Rushing, b. 1855, Perry Co., Ill.

Children:

1. Clara L.
2. Evan
3. Daughter, b. Feb. 1, 1879
4. Fred
5. Edward
6. Thomas
7. Daughter, d. Oct. 31, 1944, m. Joseph Pree, her death in Pinckneyville Democrat, 1944

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### JONES

(From records of Grace Irwin Anderson, by Jean A. Allen, 237 Notteargenta Rd. Pac. Palisades, CA 90272)

**William Jones**, b. 1722, VA, lived Brownsville, KY??

Children:

1. Humphrey B. Jones, b. 1799, Brownsville, KY?,
2. David
3. Sarah, m. Ambrose Gordon
4. Elizabeth, m. George Finley
5. Sallie, m. Dr. Leo F. Hamilton

(Note by Inez Eisenhauer--from a letter dated Oct, 10, 1927, Jennie Roe Wallace states she thinks Richard Jones moved to KY from N.C. about 1786 and probably m. between 1765-1772 as his son Wm. was born in N.C. in 1772 and Wm. had a dau. Elizabeth. So Richard could be father of the above William Jones. Yet in another letter Jennie has said she has a family bible which says Wm. Jones was born in VA. Apr. 15, 1770. Apparently there were dozens of Wm. Jones from VA in the Rev. War. Jennie was searching for proof to join the DAR.)

**Humphrey B. Jones**, b. 1799, Brownsville?, KY, d. 1855 Pinckneyville, IL, m. Jul 9, 1822, at Hopkins, KY to

**Harriet Dobbins**, b. Dec 26, 1801, Rockbridge Co., VA, d. Jul 10, 1878, Pinckneyville, IL, d/o Frederick Dobbins (Dobyns in old letters of research) She b. Dec 26, 1801, Rockbridge Co., VA, d. Jul 10, 1878, Pinckneyville, IL

Children:

1. Lucy M. Jones, d. June 1901, m. Presley P. Hamilton, July 26, 1846
2. Richard Jones, soldier in the 18th Inf. Ill., had 3 children?
3. Benjamin William, was a Capt. in 48th Inf. Ill., had 2 sons?
4. Ann W., d. 1866?
5. John Randolph, Dr., b. Oct 6, 1836, Pinckneyville, IL, d. Oct. 12, 1906
6. Dewitt C., atty., b. Pinckneyville, IL, d. Chicago, IL
7. Harriet Vashti, b. Pinckneyville, IL, d. Sept. 1899, m. Charles Roe

(Note by Inez E.--In the old 1920-30s letters Harriet's last name is spelled Dobyns. It appears Jennie Roe Wallace and her researcher agreed Harriet's ancestor was an Edward D. and they are looking for his father as a possible Rev. War soldier. They were also searching for Mott, Longley & Boyer ancestors.)

**John Randolph Jones**, Dr., b. Oct. 6, 1836, Pinckneyville, IL, d. Oct. 12, 1906, Chanute, KS, m. **Francis Gertrude Gillis**, b. Jul 7, 1846, Columbiana, Ohio, d. Apr. 3, 1926, KS. She d/o

Samuel Gillis, mother was Amanda.

Children:

1. Eunice Amanda, b. Feb. 22, 1864, Pinckneyville, IL, d. Apr. 19, 1864
2. Humphrey B. Jones, b. Dec. 29, 1865, d. Apr. 2, 1882, polio?
3. Lydia Ann, b. Dec. 16, 1867, Pinckneyville, IL, d. Mar. 19, 1908, KS, m. William F. Irwin, children: Francis, John, Grace and Frank
4. John Jackson, b. Aug. 22, 1869, Pinckneyville, IL, d. May 29, 1939, KS, m. Belle Wilson
5. Gertrude Harriet, b. Feb. 16, 1873, Pinckneyville, IL, d. Dec 5, 1909, Chanute, Nelsho, KS, m. Grant Blair, children, Winifred, Gertrude & Martin
6. Fred William, Dr., b. May 12, 1871, Pinckneyville, IL, d. Girard, Crawford, KS, m. Fannie Wyman
7. Richard DeWitt, b. Jan 16, 1878, m. Mattie Smith, disappeared,
8. Itie Lucy, b. Jan 11, 1875, Pinckneyville, IL, d. Mar 31, 1959, Chanute, Neosho, KS
9. Frances Vashti, b. Aug. 4, 1880, Chanute, Neosho, KS, d. 1920, Chanute, Neosho, KS
10. Benjamin Frank, b. Jun 14, 1887, Chanute, Neosho, KS, d. 1955, Chanute, m. Leah Ruth Hough, Girard, Clair, b. 31, Mar., 1910

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DOBYNS

1. Charles Dobyns, b.-----, m. 1726, d. 1769, Farnham, VA
2. Edward " b. Dec. 30, 1743, m. Oct. 31, 1769, d. abt. 1788
3. Frederick " b. March 26, 1772, m. Dec. 1794 (bro. of Edw.)
4. Harriet " b. Dec. 24, 1801, d. July 9, 1879, m. July 9, 1822 to Humphrey B. Jones  
H. B. Jones was b. Jan 13, 1799

5. Harriet V. Jones m. Charles Roe
6. Jennie Roe, m. Wallace

(Question by Inez--Bro. of Edward? Perhaps there was another Edw. This one above looks like the father of Frederick.)

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The D. W. Mead in this book married Jan. 19, 1841 to Barbary Dry, widow of Daniel Dry, and daughter of Leonard Lipe, Rev. War soldier of Perry County, IL. Barbary died Feb 26, 1880, age 84, burial at McElvain Cem., Perry Co., IL. Daniel and Barbary Dry walked to Illinois from Penn.

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Elizabeth Burklow, widow of John D. Burklow, married John Wolsey, Apr. 2, 1845 by JP Elihu Onstott. John D. and Elizabeth Hanks were married March 3, 1836.

A Mary Burklow, age 10, is shown in the 1850 Perry Co. census in the home of Rosanna Lipe. John D. Burklow speaks of a daughter Mary in his letters.

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Madisonville, May 7, 182?

Friend Humphrey

Yours of the 26 recd. this day came safe to hand and found us all ha??ing to ?ather through mercy, and that is sufficient. I am truly \_\_\_\_\_ to find that you had to \_\_\_\_\_ of the Missouri feever and landed your limber joints in Brownsville Ill and th\_\_\_\_\_ if agreeable to you and your esc???cted squaw, may your days be long and prosperous---You say that you have formed a partnership with D--- Bro?? of Jonesborough may you in this be more fortunate.

Humphrey it gives me no little pleasure to find that you had formed an acquaintance with men who will stick by you in six troubles and in the seventh will not forsake you. When in the Company of Brothers if practicable try to inform yourself as you will never find any backward in giving the necessary information.

The inclosed communication shall be promptly attended to and just as you wished (I mean your letter to me)

I know of nothing at this time that would either interest or amuse you as the saverings p----tigenually moves on in the old way and you know a d---d poor way.

I was at your Fathers the other day for the first time since you left this \_\_\_\_\_ with a cordial--sc--tion by all. Uncle Jn. myself \_\_\_\_\_ from town yesterday together he says he would like to see your brand. On Sunday last Bro. John Harry L Rice returned from New Orleans and gave in the following prices, \_\_\_\_\_ prime \$3 to 4.50, pork by the bbl 7 to 8, beef same, flour \$2.50, bacon 2 ?????Bulk--pork the caron crows will not eat---what will become of Davis as well as many others but the Lords will be done on earth even as it is in Heaven.

The worshipful County Court at their April term gave me the appointment of Commissioner which by the by will enable me to form a----- general acquaintance with the sa----- and in \_\_\_\_\_ I think Gordon will have a tuff \_\_\_\_\_

I will write you again shortly May the God of the Universe Crown all your \_\_\_\_\_ undertakings with success and in the end give a dashing show Your friend Bro.

A. A?????

H. B. J.?

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A Catalogue of books belonging to H. B. Jones on the 17th day of October, 1825

|  | Edition |
|--|---------|
| No. 1 Underwood on the diseases of children,   | 1793    |
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Madisonville Hophins Ct. March 20th 1826

Dear Children

We have injoyed as good health since we saw you as common except your mother she has not been heathly, bad colds and coughf is an eppidemick in all our part of the country as fare as I can hear of The Court question as is a?itated with considerable warmer in our county two much in this place Doct Rhea and Harvey are the candidates. There can be but little information got conserning Todds Land they live between St Lewis and Charlse they say the land was surveyd and lay not fare from where they live and if they ever had any papers they are all lost the Old Man by the name of Calef Todd has been dead a good many years his wife is by the home of Sally the youngest Child lacks a few month of being of age if you can get any information by writing to Mr Charles S. Hampstead or going to see your self it may be of considerable advantage to both of us for I think the land may be got for a mean trifle will on the receipt of these yours ob Will Jones

(To) H. B. Jones PS the Todds lived about five years under the Spanish government W J ??? Lucey rises early washes her self makes (hole in paper) bed and sweeps up the house (hole) the ?abl? and does it in somuch hast that I have to scold her and then attends to the house and chickens I have built her a hen house neer the gorls room She says she has got allmost 100 eggs The hens wont go to selling \_\_\_\_\_ enuff says her cook some allmost every day and her and Sally Henson has some \_\_\_\_\_ when they meet and at her (later?) hours \_\_\_\_ George, if there is any bad lying tittle Gerls in your town you must not keep their company (No signature)

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Doct. J. D. Bucklow

Enclosed you will please find your acc in full to this date. I think it very unkind of you after taken my goodness or fair promises to remit or send in a few days so says your letters, from time to time and after I enclosed you a/c you concluded to change your place of purchase. I should not thought so much of it if you had paid up your a/c with me first. you ??? an entire stranger in St. Louis and gon you credit you ahked at the same time no other house would for they had no knowledge of you. At the time I enclosed your a/c it had been \_\_\_\_\_ on 2 years or more and I thought if you ever intended to pay it was time be thinking about it or the least you could do would be to answer my letters to you upon the

I have been informed I do not know if correctly from some of your friends or neighbors you stated my account to you was not correct. I would be pleased you point out that part which you think is not correct. I will state your account as it now stands. My clerks state they are willing to be qualified as to the correctness of the packing also receiving the money and what more would you have

I would be pleased you would remit per first safe opportunity amt of \$43.50.

Respectfully Yours ? Wilson

St. Louis Feburary 15 1842

(Addressed to J. D. Burklow, Springfield Ill, no year given)

Iowa Perry Co Ill Dem 2 ??

Esteemed Friend

Your kind favour of the 22nd instant was recd by due course of mail with pleasure I read its contents- a few days after I rote you before. (Le?)ft Home and did not return untill this evening-when finding yours with some several other letters. I hasten to drop to you a few words again.

Home did I say yes John would you not like to spend a few sweet evening hours at your own fire-side with your wife getting your supper-once in a while she steps over your feet your children dandling on your knee-and you poring over a letter from a kind friend-yes Bucklow (do not envy me) these are the comeforts I now enjoy this evening-and would to God you could do the like each succeeding week if no oftner-I find by ??? in good weather it improves my health for I am much better than when I rote before. I send inclosed in this letter a copy of A. Combs receipts for making ague medicine for the cure of the fever and ague chills & fever-Billious fever H.H. I wish to have a copy-right to me served for the

same for which purpose I inclose the above mentioned (stained, blurred) ???ner must beg the favour of you to deposit in the proper offices and get his certificate and send to me so soon as possible. you will be so good as to pay for the same and I will on the recp of your letter send you the money or pay you on your return-which ever you may desire- there has been much sickness in our vicinity since you left- and a number of deaths among the latter is Adaline-daughter of Samuel Robertson-our near neighbour- two of Wm. Gallegty: children- and some 4 or 5 on the East side of Little muddy- and some good number yet sick Son Williersn some two weeks ago had a very sevear attact-but I think ne is now out of dainger

There is one of my neighbours who informs he he ows a small debt on which there is an ex???tion and will run out on or about the first of February and he says under the present laws it will take nearly all his property to pay it where as if this law should pas so as to benefit him he would be greatly in your debt if you would send to this office a copy of the Relief law so soon as it passes into Law. \_\_\_\_ been from home I have no news from \_\_\_\_\_ ville. I hope your Family are well-or I should have heard of it. if there have been anything of impo???? the matter you no doubt long since have been apprised that for the office of county accorder there was three candidates ie Wm. Jones and Alonson Edwards- Mr Adams of your place the latter being elected by a large majority over both the others

Give my best respects to John Crain Esqr. also to John A. McClellan--tell then when they have spare documents and wo??? write my name on the knvelopement with Iowa a little un??? if they will come to this office and I will thankfully read them forget not to give to John Crain my warmest thanks for past favors--I have recd from him some good ma? valuable documents remember the word of the Honarable David Crocket go ahead Betsey and the children are well. my own health is improving. write soon Dear Sir I am ever your sincear friend and humble servant. Write often

A. Combs

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(Addressed to J. D. Burklow Esqr. Springfield Ill from Iowa Ill Jan 6th f A. Combs Pm)  
Iowa Ill January 6th 1843

Friend J. D. Burklow Dear Sir.

I again must beg your patience with a few scribblings. my imperfect thoughts of the doings of your honaourable body I have just read the noble speech of Mr. Robston on the subject of our Banks. I am well pleased with his speech. he seems to be distrustfull of the Banks report and in all probability his distrust is well founded. now in case a commity should examine into the real situation of the Banks and should find their standing better than is expected would it not be well to compell them to pay specie for all \$5 or \$10 bills and under ???? that ??? or on stated days so as to give them a fair chance to meet their liabilities. ????? in case you find it expedient to give to them any further indulgence. I am of opinion such a course will meet the (appcolation?) of your constituents but on the contrary if the Banks has dealt fraudently let them go. whean they ought to be- in respect to the relief las I suppose in this time it has passed into a law and the people are anxiously waiting to see it in operation I suppose the Justices will ere long receive instructions concerning it if it is what the people expected. It certainly will give great relief to a large portion of the people most especially should it reach execution that are now isued as the creditors in numbers expecting this law to pass has sued by scores. I have no doubt it has caused many suits that would not have been hoping that the Law would not reach them- in haste I am ever your sincere Friend & humble servant

A. Combs

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(Addressed on back of paper to John D. Burklow, Perry County, Illinois, Pinkyvill post office Very poor spelling. Many words do not include the last letter needed to complete the word.)

State of kans. McCrackin County, June the 15, 1841 Dear frend for the first time in life we had but a small aquance on the (obine?) Hickman County Ky. in 1831 & I was much hurt at the partin of you & family & sence that time I living in McCracken County last winter your wife & your little children was moving to Arkensaws but on the account of ice they cud (could) not cross the River & is living in this naberhood at this time by Conversing with my wife I find your wif is very sory that she every marred to another man & has left him on the account of his treatment to your Children & I will write to you as a Brother when I see your little sons in Cum?ingce & look at my own I see & feel that I wood rejoyces to heare of Sum Corse that you & them & Mother cud sirround the same table once more. I have nevery heard them say any thing about it but if I cud git a leter from you requesting me to converse with them I

wood take a plesher in so doing I have Regard for you & you Children the are Smart & spritly boys your little helplis darter is no more. She has bin deed about 3 yeares I livd about 4 years of the ???? & no one can tell half the truble it was & your wife leave it the loss of you wch was all most deth & dears friend you must agree with me if had not abin for sum of her peppl you & her & famely wood bin living to gethe I call on you as a frend to write to me & let me now wethe thare is aney Chance for better times or not & ples as I have taken on my self to write let me now all about your situation & wether you are living with another woman or not & ples write aboun the spot direct your letter Lovelacevill McCracken County Ky. & so I cum to close John D. Burklow Owen S. Jackson

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Sparta Nov 10th 1841

Friend Doct.

Paid 6

My anxiety to hear from you calls on me to again trouble you with a few lines at the start I will say that I am and have been tolarable well since I left. (a touch of the gout and a skinned heel execpted) I have been talking to Tharman and many other of my Friends in and near this place on the probility of geting you to move here and all that I have talked to is (I can say with truth) extreamly anxious that you should and say that if they are as many cases in the neibourhood you will get as much as you want to attend to. I am certain that you would get the custom of most if not all of the Enfluential Famlies in Town and I with my Friend will do all we can in that way. If you think of coming I would be glad that you would come up in 2 or 3 weeks or sooner as they are a house & lot for sale here in a public part of the Town. And I think you could buy it verry cheap and pay the most of it in young catle as the person that ownes it is a moving out to a Farm and wants to sell. You need not say anything about this unless you intend to come. Write to me and let he hear the news by next mail

Your Friend Tho H. Campbell

To J. D. Burklow Pinckneyville Ills.

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(Addressed on the outside of letter to Dr. John D. Burklow Perry County Illinois and sealed with wax)  
State of Kentucky, Hopkins January 22nd 1842

To Dr. John D. Burklow

Dear friend I now take my pen in hand to address you a few lines to inform you something respecting myself and family also to get some advise and instructions from you respecting my dificulties in Perry County

In the first place I will inform you that we are all well and have been so mostly since we left Illinois. Martha Jane is fleshier than she ever was before and bears a better color my wife also has a better appearance of health than she has for five years past my health is also better than it has been for years past except the rheumatic pains

Martha Jane sends you her best wishes and complements and says she wants to go back to Illinois before she gets sick again She thinks it was your skill and close attention that saved her from the grave She therefore wishes you to understand that your great exertions in her case is still fresh in her mind my wife has had two spells (light) of headache since we left Illinois She has not been bled or taken any medisen, You have no doubt heard that I was shot when I was in Perry last october and as there always is various reports respecting such a circumstance and as I want you to know the truth of the matter I will state the whole matter just as it appeared to me (except names) I was at Masons and if you recollect the smoke house stands east of the dwelling house and still farther east there is a patch of bushes about 50 steps from the smoke house. I had walked outside of the gate about 9 oclock at night and was returning and as I turned myself round to shut the gate I saw a man walking from the bushes towards the smoke house and at the same moment I saw a lad at the bushes and another man at the corner of the smoke house both the man had something in their hands like guns and as the walking man drew near to the man standing at the corner of the house they both withdrew behind the house out of my sight and I walked about 4 or 5 steps towards the dwelling house and the gun fired at the same corner of the house where I saw the man standing I saw no person after the gun fired. There was one ball passed through the breast of my coat and 8 small shot entered my coat 4 of which were picked out of my coat some days afterwards I name no names but leave you to judge whether or not you would know a person with whom you are well acquainted 20 or 30 feet by moon light Dr Burklow I corespond with (you) as a particular friend and confidentially and as you are well acquainted with all my dificulties in Perry I wish you to give me your advise and your opinion candidly without favor either way respecting all my

dificultyes and as you are acquainted with almost all the people in your county I wish you to give me the popular opinion with respecting the shooting as well as the other dificulties

If you will be so good as to favor me with an answer to this, Direct to Williams Post office Christian Cty Ky and please mail your letter at any other post office but Pinckneyville or Hawkinses for with the Whigs I fear is the ground roots of all my troubles, no more of this.

I hope you will excuse me for leaving my business with you so unsettled when I left Illinois last and I wish you to inform Judge Eaton that it was my troubles and distress that caused me to leave him as I did, give him my best complements and tell him that he shall not loose anything by me. I wish you to write to me what speed Laban G. Jones makes collecting the tax due me for the year 1840 I requested him to pay over to you as fast as he collected it If he should pay you any more than will satisfy your demand against me you will please pay over to my son Abner I wish to deal justly by all men so far as lies in my power I have about 40 dollars due me from Perry County and I have written to Abner to lift the order and present them to the Treasurer for payment and if you are still in that office I hope you will do all you can in my favor as I am in great need of money I have traveled until I have spent nearly all my pocket change and have taken a small school to try to recruit

One more word more respecting my difficulties I wish you to put yourself in my situation and say to me whether or not you would go to court next spring. I do not want to kill any person neither do I want to be killed by a midnight assassin. I could say much more but John is ready and wants to start and I must conclude by subscribing myself your sincere friend and well wishes.

Joshua M. Rice

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State of Kentucky

february the 20th 1842

Graves County

Dear Sir I know tak the opportunity of wrighting you a few lines to in form you of my arevel at home with dificulty on sundy night following I found family in good helth I hope the few lines may find you and yours enjoying the same blessing the helth of the people is tallarble good in this country except some winter few cases of the winter fever you nead knot look for mee thare this spring for it is out of my power to square of and wind up my bisness and get thare this spring the bisness that I was to do for you is knot don in concience of her moveing to missourie from the time that I went till I come back I am knot able to give you emny information of her mind & wants do I have am informed that she is living 12 miles above the town of Columbus on ???? banks

James ?? ?? ? Burklow has left his mother gone to his unkele James shall we have understood he lives in Kawkin?? the oldest one is yet with his mother I think that if you would come and see her you could git the boys on t?larble as the leaves that the boys have become dissatisfied with her you come within four miles of her by water I shall send her the letter that you sent by me the first confidential opportunity offords me and if you come to see her this spring I would be glad you would come and see me it is not mutch futhur you will find me on your old place thare is a ??? of your friends that is anxious to see you Epraim Sherfield in petickely wishes to give you his best respects the man that was talking to you about runing a fence on the line beteen his land and that you let me have just let him run it if he wants to but at his own expence I intend to move ther in the fall if nothing happens to me and I want you to make all nessary arrangments to my advantage that you can with out putting your self to two mutch trouble or expence it may be possible that I ??? come to that country again before I move I intend mak a crop here and as soon as it is in market I ame (aim?) to sell it and pay my debt and pay as man to move me there to that Country I want you to wright to me and direct your letter to Graves Count Doublin Postofice So named at preasant but remaining your loveing brother and give my best respects to all inquireing friends from William Robertson to Doct John D. Burklow

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(This is 17 days from date order, done so to have husband & wife's letters together.)

(Addressed to J. D. Burklow Esqr. Springfield Illinois from 9 Mile Prairie Ill, Decr. 27th Free, D. W. Mead Post Master)

Nine Mile Prairie December 27th 1842 J. D. Burklow Esqr.

Sir I recd. yours of the 13th instant with grate satisfaction and I take the liberty of adressing a few lines to you again I will inform you we are all well in this Prairie and was all well in Pinckneyville on Sunday last I supposed from your letter we would have a Stay law and I have no objections if it is framed right and as far as I can assertian a majority of the people is in favor at it I see Judge Brees is

elected to the US Senate if the Stay law passes let me know the principal of it the first opportunity I take the liberty as a friend to be careful of Legislating to much on party principals examin well the measures of all and go for those that is the greatest benefit to the people. The people expects considerable done this session for their relief and the members will come home very popular with the people or politcally dead write to me often if you have leisure I am not attempting to give you public instrutions it is just my privat opinion and I take the liberty of giving it to you which I never have done before to our Representitive and if I am wrong excuse me. This session thare is much expected and at the best but little can be done for the benefit of the State. Yours Respectfully

D. W. Mead

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(Spelling is bad, left as is.)

Pinckneyville December 10 1842

Dear husband I will inform that wee are all in tollerabe Health at this time I hope that when these lines reaches you that they may find you well I reciev'd your letter fridy 8 stating that you had cold traveling I was sorrie to hear of it I was p(l)eased to hear that you arived safe thare and are in good helth now I will inform you of every thing that has turned up since you left here harper burklow moved the same day you left home to birkehartes and fetch his children there is not much sickness here at this time here their has been one death here ????orten is dead I want to see you worse than ever I did I am lonsom here I look through the room of my house each door on its hinges doth mourn may the kind power above show pitty to me While alone I shall think longe of the tim of your arrivil at home Menervy is still liveing with mee Daniel is going to school is taking car of the stocke our horses looks weell at this time I have not received but too dollars from old mr (beck?) since you Harper and James staid at our house and got our wagon to move William down Dr hamilton ason and sente fore mee.

And I did ??? (Zoe?) is me at home and has never left home Since you lefte hom I haven Company here but my too little babes little mary often looks for you mother has not come to stay with mee now I will lete you know my dear my heath is bad I have a pain in my back and a sick stomach I have fulfiled all you wanted mee to do sinc you are home I want you to correct my misstakes I must say a few more things to you and then I must conclude my leter you wanted mee to live in the fear of the lord I have not forgten it I want you to remember mee if wee never see each other in this world let us prepare to meet in a better world than this the lord is not S????? in his promies I have nothing more to write to you at this time to write onley that I remane youres in bonds of love

Till death Elizabeth Burklow

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Hall of the house of Representatives Springfield January 5th 1843

Dear Elizabeth I received your kind letter of the 25th December 1842 and while I acknowledge to you that your letter fired my soul with love to you and my poor little babes, I must complain that five long weeks have gone by and you have not written me but two letters, after all my requests to write once every week. This convinces me that your love for me is that of interest and not of choice. This reflection fills my soul with sorrow but I have wept over it ten thousand times before I ???? came to this place, but I know that all my weeping and sorrowing have failed to inspire you with that love and confidence which a love can make us happy. If you do not like to write on your own account do please write me how my poor little babes are doing and inform them that their father has not forgotten them. You told me in your letter that you longed to se the time when I would come home and stay with you, I pray god to hasten that time, you told me in your letter that you wanted to hear of me being verry smart, if crying is smart I do a greate deal of that, you told me you wanted me to write everything that I wanted you to do now I will write what I want you to do, and first let me tell you now I feel like adopting the language of old Job ???? and full of evil have been the days of the of the years of my pilgrimage, and I fully concur with him that man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble but I desire that life which is spiritual in its nature; ind??? in its continuance; consisting not of an immortality of being only' but of blessedness commencing in grace; completed in glory; and emphatically called the life of a christian of this life the lord Jesus speakes--I am come that they may have life, when I reflect on all these things I sigh and say that it was with me as in months past now my dear companion I want you to join me in the praise of one of old though we may never see each other in this life let us pray and say lord restore unto us the joys of thy salvation when though appears and smiles again upon us it is more

than the joy of morning after a darksome night, or the approach of spring after a dreary winter, now delightful is the sight of him in the hour of trouble, it is the ???? our purposes is broken of even the thoughts of our hearts when enemies oppose when friends fail or betray when health declines then we look towards him who is the consolation of Israel and say this same shall comfort us, then let me request you to learn the following verses which is sung to the common metre and composed by myself and when you want to think of me please sing them

Jesus the vision of thy face  
hath overpowering charms  
scarce shall I feel deaths cool embrace  
if christ be in my arms  
if light attends the course we run  
tis he provides those rays  
and tis his hand unveils the sun  
if darkness clouds our days

no this may be the last time I ever may be permitted to wright you a letter if so recolect I want you to be religious and raise my poor little children in the fear of the Lord you told me that William had done nothing he promised to do this is not strange to me as I did not expect him to do anything I cannot tell what future events may bring about but I now think I shall not practice medicine next summer on account of the hardness of times you wrote that Manurva was still living with you I am glad of that you did not tell me in your letter whether mother had come to stay with you or not, nor you did not say any thing about Dan I want to know how the little fellow is doing, if you do not think enough of me to write please tell Dan and Manurva to write I wanted to know about Murphy delivering the corn and Thurston bringing the corn he owed and Ozburn delivering the pork you did not tell me whether Mat Jones had cut wood or not, nor whether you had turned all my horses outeside or whether you keep son of them up or not I want to know whether they all run together or not, you must not pay any more money to any person or any ape until I come home for I will kneed all the money I can git when I come home, my health is better than it ever was since my recollection I am as fat as ever you seed any man and would be happy if my family would write every week as they promised to do and let all my little children make their markes tell Dan to write his name in the next letter you write if ever you write anymore keep our waggon under the shed and have the shoes took off my mare send Dan to hopwood Jones and see if James Jones has paid him the twenty dollars I owed him and now if I never see you again please remember then that loves you I am your affectionat husband until death

John D. Burklow

Please write whether Thos Campbell has been to our house and whether Williams Hanks has gone home

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Hall of the house of Representatives Springfield January 29th AD 1843

Loving companion in whom my soul centers and all my hapiness is I find myself verry well this morning and hasten to answer two letters that I have received from your kind hand one dated January 16th and the other January 23 Boath of these letters brought me the marks of my poor little babes their marks was crooked and rough but sweeter than any sight this poor lonesom world can produce you said in your letter that little Mary wanted me to come home to make her brother behave himself I want you to tell little Mary that her father will soon be home and make her and brother boath behave you complained that I did not say in any of my letters that I wanted to see you now my dear wife I did not think it necessary to tell you that for I thought that you was fully aware of such an event Elizabeth let me tell you and for all that is in sight of Almighty God I love you better than all the rest of the human family put together if you live I live if you are happy I am happy if you are miserable I suffer with you in short you are the partner of my life the wife of my bosom my known and my tried friend the voluntary shairer of all my sorrows and all my joys which are verry few in this unfriendly world and next to you my poor hart broken wife is my Dear little babes I hope the time will soon come when I will be permitted to return home to you and my babes if I live to see that happy day I never will leave you and them again while the Lord permits me to remain in this Vale of tears, in all your letters you complain bitterly of distress and trouble and never tell me what is the matter Please write in your next letter what is troubling you so verry much you wanted to know when I expected to come home this I cannot tell you may look for me sometime the first week in march and not sooner there is no day set

for the legislature to adjourn the pork you had better get Ozburn to keep untill I come home but if he is not willing to keep it you must get him to bring it to you and get old man Beel to cut it up and salt it remember me to Manerva and Daniel and all inquiring friends if Beel or any other person pays you any money for me and you do not need it to bug some necessary thing you will please keep it until I come home and do not pay out any money on any account until I come home I expect to follow a verry different buissness when I come home I shall not practise medicine when I come home but let me say the buisness that I will follow will not keep us always apart for so help me god if ever I leave my family so long any more you wrote that Beel sent persons to you for orders to git whiskey do not give any such orders nor dont suffer any of the liquor I left at home to be sold to any one for any purpose what ever I shall come home an uncompromising enemy to the use of strang drink as strange as it may seem in conclusion my dear wife permit me to ask you again to attend closely to your duty as a christian and I believe when it shall please God for me to come home will join the Christian Church and as pilgrams tak up our march for the heavenly country therefore my dear gird on the armer and be ready please write to my once every week untill the middle of February next after that time you had better not write for I shall be on my way home before a letter written after that time could git here I will write just before I come home notifying you of the time you may look for me. I am with respect your affectionate husband till death

J. D. Burklow

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(Letter addressed to Hon. John D. Burklow Springfield Ills Jan. 13. Back in this time the word "health" appears frequently as "heath", periods, commas and capital letters were not used by most of the correspondents.)

Four Mile Prairie January A.D. 1843

Hon. John D. Burklaaw Dear Sir yours of the 7th Dec came safe to hand some weeks since which was read with greate pleasure, and I would have answered it sooner, but it seemed I had nothing worth troubleing you with, heath has beene good generally untill lately your wife was unwell some time since, and your little daughter is unwell at the present I seene Dr Hamelton yesterday evening and he said she was better he was going to see John Willks he has got the winter fever quite bad. William Hutchings is verry bad with the same complaint, ower (our) familyes are in good heath at this time The Elections went verry much as I wished them to have gone perticularly Judge Breese, it gives entier satisfaction so fare as I have heared, the valuation law will be recd well, by all so fare as I have conversed, as well as the Bank Bill introduced McClermand, I have seene Harry Wilton since he returned from Springfield and he said sample was spoken of for Judge in Breese place if he should be elected US Senator.

Permitt me as a friend to suggest one idea to you would it not be well to have an interview with the Judge be him who he may, and see if he will give us a clerk of the right stand, if so try and have perry attached to his circuit, if it cant stand only till the next session, if that can be effected it will be sugar in ???gard, and by August next we will try and be in town with ower hats full of rocks and berry that old coon, that has given us so much trouble, and so long, it seeme to me the best chance in the world he cheated Thomas Campbel out of the office and now if we can returne the complement he aut (ought) not to grumble a word, I mentioned it the other day to Steele he approves it verry much in deede, and he went an seen Hockins & William Ozburn, and tha was to come to my house on fryday evning las(t) in order to write you a joint letter on the subject. and Hockins came, and said William had went by for Steele, and in about ten minets after Hockins came old William Jones came up to stay all night, and of course we were defeated.

Hockins started back to stop William and Steele for feare something might be surmised. Steele told me if anything hapened that he was not here, to sign his name to the letter and Hockins Ozburne told me to write and signe his and William names to it all so you may consider it a(s) from us all, and I have not the least dout but evry good Democrat in the County would all signe if they could know it in time, for two reasons first because they dont like the present Judge and perticularly the clerk.

one or two moore things before I close this letter, would it not be well to repeal the premium on wolf scelps and a law passed some session ago appropriating a sume of money to purchase a librarria for the use of the supream court, and the legislature, and to change the estray law so as to have all property over five or ten dolars sold after one yeare to the higest bider and after paying the expences of posting

keeping & C the remainder to be paid into the state or county treasery and repeal the militia law so mutch as pays bregde inspectors for it is a mockery instead of a duty. those items are small but amounts to considerable in a few years. you will see I have begun on the rong side of the sheet as well as left out words and misspell many others, but I hope you will excuse them all as well as the few suggestions I have made. one thing more the printers fees is two high by half for advertising estrays as well as clerks, fifty cents whare one printer get it all to do is plenty please write me soon and let me herr how you like the few hints, yours Respectfully

Hockins S. Oxburne  
William D. Oxburne

R. G. Murphy  
John Stelle

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(Addresses to Doct. J. D. Burklow Springfield Ill

Sparta Ill January 23rd 1843

My Old Friend

Yours of the 11th inst is duly received and it makes me feel good all over to hear from you and know from your own pen that you are old John yet and in the old was a good friend still a fiew minuets after I wrote the last letter to you it was transmogified into a verry good ????er by the appearance of your first epistole which came to hand by the same mail that my last left here So all is wright again. You know Doct as how I am a ?innckey sort of a chap fearing least my adreses to a verry sispectfull member of our legislation should be scorned and the Devil in the shape of pride began to lead. and my fingers being very ???? but you know Doct that Tom is Tom and that he did not ???? as bad as he said please just look on the other side of the paper and say bachlors will be Bacholers.

You stated that Genrl. Semple will be our next judge. I suppose he will make a verry good judge, but I am not much acquainted with him and I would have been glad that one of my friends had got the office as I intended to have figured for the Office of Clerk of the Bellville circuit Court or Kaskaskia Do(c?) that is if the clerks office become vacant by the resignation of the judge which fact I do not know as I have not been advised of the opion of the presant Court on that subject but now I do not expect it as my acquaintance is so limited with Semple. You know Doct that such things if I could make a race by it would be verry exceptible but like an old sh?? dont care a fig know how still if anything can be done in that way let me know it and I am there. I have nothing new to write some of your customers have paid in produce but not as many as I expected. Some have wained orders as ???? that did not owe you but I refused to gave them. We may get more and if posible I will lift your acpt. with the old Ha???? man.

Doct. I was (tarnal?) fraid that I would have had to have sent a writ of Habeas corpus for you as Mr. Pluricy had a notion of scraping up an acquaintance with me but he had not so far and I am injoying good health. Tell friend Trumble that he will live foreverfor making that speach on the Bank if he is not a Democrat I am a fool. Thats all Shamman and all the little Shammans is well. Now Doct. none of your ????? in the shape of excuses, about bad spelling writing etc. With an earnest desire for your welfare & hoppings I beg leave to remain your Friend T. H. Campbell

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(Addresses to J. D. Burklow Esqr Springfield, Illinois sent from 9 Mile Prairie Ill Jan 24th D. W. Mead Postmaster Free)

Nine Mile Prairie Ill Jan 24 1843

Dr J. D. Burklow Sir

Thare was a meting of some of the citsesn of this county at Pinkneyville on Saturday last which I could not convenantly attend they pased some resolution which will be sent to you I can state to you that I with many others that was not thare concur with them. The Releaf Law gives General Dissatisfaction in this part of the county it gives no security to the creditor without he takes property at one third more than it is worth at thei time property is to be valued at its value in ordinary times a cow & calf will be valued at \$10 and ? will be \$6.66 and they are freely offerd hear now at from \$4 to 5 in cash and if the creditor does not take property at more that its cash value he is compeled to wait 3 years without any security and one half of the debetr will move off or make away with his property on half of the Justices & Constables will resign. Our collector of taxes I think will git five percent in Spece or current paper of the taxes due and not more I do think the officers of Government may as well take the paper of our Banks as auditors warrants it is worth as much in cash accordxing to the Statement in the Register the printer sayes he sells \$200 of auditors warrants for \$100. I think your Relief Law is upon the principals

of Repudation of individuel debts and State debt comes next

Yours Respectfully D. W. Mead  
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(Paper folded over and addressed on outside to Elizabeth Burklow, Pinckneyville, Perry County Ills.)  
Hall of the house of Representatives

Springfield February 20th 1843

Dear Companion I received your kind letter of the 9th of the present Inst which gives me more pleasure than all the Vanities of this unfriendly world. I was overjoyed to hear of your health improving and particularly to hear (blurred)----- your trouble which you spoke of in every letter you wrote me I learn your health has been such as woold lead me to believe it of the procreative kind if so my Dear do not grieve for I must acknowledg it gives me no unease my Dear wife the Lord has blessed us since our marriage with as much of this worlds goods as we could reasonably expect and if with all this he should bless us with a family I have no Objections, next let me inform you of my health which is as good as I ever enjoyed in all my life, thoug at this time I am verry dull having lost more than half my sleep this winter you recolect I wrote to you that I should not practice medicine next summer I did not tell you my reasons I have been reading law this winter and have this day went through my examinations before the Supreme Court and was licenced to practise law without a single vote being cast against me all the supreme Judges voting for me. So my Dear you will see that their is some change come over me in relation to worldly things. I do not know what I will follow when I come home but I feel shure that the Lord will provide. now my dear wife I married you when we was worth nothing you will recolect how we boath worked and toiled day and night to obtain a living during all of which time my love you know I promised to serve god after I had obtained a living and served a session in the legislature no my dear wife see how the Lord has remembered me and you blessed us in our ???? goings and in comings, with your help my dear which gives you many lonesone hours I have made a good living and a hansom fortune I have made myself a good Physician I have served one session in the legislature I have this day been licenced by the Supreme Court to practice law having done all this my dear you recolect the next promise is to serve God you hope me to do all this will you now join me in serving him whom Moses and the propets sought please my dear wife remember me to my little babes and Daniel & Manurva I cannot tell when I will be home though I think some time from the fourth to the tenth of March I never wanted to see you and my poor little babes as bad in all the days of my life my very soul longs to see that blessed day when I shall come home to my Poor wife and little children Dear wife pray for me and be ashured I will do the same for you I seed my childrens marks in your letter I am your kind and affectionate husband J. D. Burklow

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(Addressed to ?. Burklow Pinckneyville, Ill from Nashville Ills July 11th 1843 paid 19 with note "please hand this immediately S. M.?" This is very, very blurred.)

The following are the Numbers of the warrants paid to Dr. Burklow

Dec 29th 1842 \$100 in \$10. No 9270 to 79 inclusive All of which has been paid into the Treasury, except No. 9276 which is yet out These I think (slys?? Campbell) be sold here

Mar. 6th /43--\$100 in \$20 No. 1657 to 60 inclusive (none paid in)

" " \$50 in \$10 " 1662 to 66 "

" " \$80 in \$5. " 1667 to 82 ?ap if this amt. Nos. 1667-68-80 8? 81 havebeen paid in

" "\$110 in 5 No. 4442 to 63 inclusive (none paid in)

Dr. Burklow Dear Sir

The above list of the notes issued, payable to you, of auditors warrants. I have just obtained from our mutual friend Thomas ?. Campell, who as you suggested, manifests a strong dispesition to aid me in the n??every of these that I have list by stealth, I think aP/C St. Louis--You told me Mr M/Wilton bought Fifty dollars of the warrants from you and there is some body else you mentioned to me who thought the same amt-J J Swanwick bought of you upwards of one hundred dollars--I wish you to ascertain the Nos of these you se.? to the person whose name I have forgotten if you please or any others which you may have sold or use? yourself in paying your taxes- J. J. Swanwick promised to procure of the collecten the Nos. if these he paid him and Mr Campbell intended writing to Mr Milton to obtain the Nos. of these you let him ??? if I can succeed in procuring the Nos of all the warrants drawn

payable to you and to whom you have sold them, then by ?iference we can arrive at the Nos of these that were stolen from me and Mr Campbell says by making an (offidont?) to the li?? of them I can procure duplicates Mr Campbell's letter is dated 22nd of June 1843

I request you will lose not a moment in endeavoring to obtain the numbers of these warrants that you may yet have access to, if you please and when accomplished by a certificate from those to whom you sold, I will thank you to enclose the same to me with as little dalay as convenient

I remain dear sir your frend Obdt. Svnt.

Ss??? Manison (last name in question)

(to) Dr. Burklow, Pinckneyville

P. S. J. J. Swanwick is so indisposed that I must trouble you with an additional request to get from the Collector of Perry the numbers of the warrants J. J. Swanwick paid in to him bearing your endorsement. I believe, as I am told these Mr. S. got of you ???? your name, which I felt some douby of when I saw you but M. Swanwick assures me it is so--Please to attend to these various requests as early as possible, and hope some day to have it in my power to reciprocate the grateful favour--I remain again yours

(Lewis?) Menison

Get the collector to certify that he (hole in paper) the warrants from J. J. Swanwick and give a certificate of their numbers dates and to Campbell you will perceive I mention in the beginning of this letter, thinks you sold some of the warrants made payable to you before you left Springfield- please certify to the same if it be so-a simple statement from you in the form of a certificate will answer so also with the ce????? on the them puden? who purchased any warrants from you in giving the numbers of them as well their dates ??? to make them correspond with the list as recorded in the Auditors office-I am giving you much trouble excuse under all the circumstances I bought them (exssup?) to pay taxes for myself \_\_\_\_\_ who is \_\_\_\_\_ myself was a good deal of ??? land which I assure you is eating ??? was very substance to clear the taxes

I remain again yours S. M.

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(This was two folded pieces of paper, with "Sparta, Ill. March 19, Paid 5" written on one which served as an envelope and addressed to Nelson Holt & Wm Wilson, Mt. Ha?kins, Ill.)

Mr. Wilson

Dear Sir I wrote to you and Mr Moore about Nig. He wrote me back that you were a little fearful about taking her, but that he was going to see you in the morning & would let me know what you concluded on. The rest of it was written in pencil and it rubbed so much I could not read it so I did not get any word from you about anything. I suppose likely you have Nig, but I shall get another horse whenever I can so as to give her a better chance with her colt. If you have not got her I think you had better get her. She will make an excellent nag for you to plough with yourself and any body can plough Puss. If I can get another horse I can trade her off. You may trade either of the horses if you have a chance to suit you. Do just as tho. they were your own. As Anthony has got hurt as that he can not trim the trees I want you should.

It ought to be done imediately and if any are leaned they should be straightened up and tied. If you can hire a team to haul what \_\_\_\_\_ must be \_\_\_\_\_ soon I will pay for it

Respectfully B. G. Roots

Memorandum of an agreement made this 20th day of Febuary (1847) Eighteen hundred forty seven between Wm. Wilson of one part & John Chrenshaw by his lawfully appointed agent B. G. Roots of the other part witnesseth--

That Wilson is to have so much of the dwelling house on SE 1/4 Sect 5 T5 C. R1W as shall be necessary for the accommadation of his family for the term of 4 years from this date provided that he fullfils his part of the agreement.

He is to take good care of all the trees, shrubs & garden plants on said land using all reasonable exertions to preserve them from injury & to cultivate them in such maner as shall tend most to their improvement. He is to have 1/2 of the fruit that grows upon them. He is to make such improvements and repairs in the building & fences from time as shall make them as good and valuable as they now are upon the place belonging to Crenshaw and which & which Roots in compliance with this agreement shall put on the place or delivered to Wilsons Care and if any of them die or are otherwise lost during

the time that Wilson is to take care of them that is four years from the time Wilson is to pay to Roots for Crenshaw one half the value of the animal thus dying or living last and the hides of any animal so dying shall be the joint property of lost parties

Roots is to add to the stock now upon the place 2 horses suitable for ploughing on or before the middle of March. Wilson is to tend well all the ground which has been heretofore cultivated on said section (that is to say the land in the same enclosure in which the house stands from which Roots removed to Sparta) and the produce thereof is to be fed to the stock and if it shall appear next fall that the stock upon the place is not sufficient to consume said produce Roots is to add enough to the stock so that there will be enough to consume all the said produce.

Wilson is at liberty to use the waggon & ploughs & other farming utensils upon the place which it shall be necessary for him to do so in performing his part of this agreement being careful to keep them in good repair and preserve them as much as may be from injury Roots is to pay Wilson one half of what he shall find it necessary to pay for blacksmithing upon said roots ???? the expectation of the 4 1/2 (one half) of the increase of the stock is to be delivered to Wilson his agent or his \_\_\_\_\_ for payment in full for the performance of his part of the agreement Provided that if during the continuance of this agreement Wilson shall receive any payment in cattle or otherwise for his services or otherwise became indebted (indebted) to Crenshaw his agent or assignee the amount of his payment or indebtedness may be retained \_\_\_ of his share of said increase.

I have read this agreement  
carefully to Wm Wilson  
and I now sign it as  
subscribing witness at the  
requisit of both Roots & Wilson

B. G. Roots agent in fact for John Crenshaw

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(Sent to Humphrey B. Jones, Esq., Pinckneyville, Illinois)

Pension Office, April 17, 1851

Sir,

The papers of Louisa T. Smith, widow of Elisha Smith 2nd who was a private of Company C. Battalion of Arkansas volunteers, have been examined and filed. It is alleged that the husband died about the 1st of January 1847, while in the service, but on examining the papers upon which Bounty land was allowed, it appears that he was discharged on the 28th of February 1847, and signed his application for land, on the 17th of January 1848. If, however, it could be shewn that the soldier died of a disease contracted while in the service, and in the line of his duty, his widow could not be allowed a pension, as it has been decided that those who belonged to the Arkansas Battalion and not serve at Posts or Stations, on the border of Mexico, which is required by the 2d section of the act of July 21, 1848, to entitle the widow or children to its benefits.

I am, respectfully, Your Obt. Servant, F. S. Evans.

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Morris Aug 11th 1851

H. B. Jones Esq.

Dear Sir, Enclosed I send you a judgment note against Franklin Campbell secured by a deed of trust to O. G. Butts for the benefit of Wm. Butts of Chicago. Mr. Butts wishes the trust closed in the quickest possible manner. Having originally done the business for Mr. Butts he wished me to take the matter in charge for collection and forwarded the papers to me. Now if you will take the matter in hand and process the sale of the land so that I may get the money or its equivalent about the latter part of October next, I shall be greatly obliged to you. I think I shall be there about that time. You will of course charge a respectable fee for so doing.

I have not thought proper to send any instructions as to the best course to be pursued, in as much as I thought you fully competent to mark out a course for yourself which would be most certain to bring the matter to a close in the quickest possible way.

I am (sic?) very Respectfully  
Your Obt. Servt.  
C. L. Starbuck

Atty. for Wm. Butts

B. G. Will you please acc. the receipt of this, acknowledge it and send me a receipt for the note & deed?

C. L. Starbuck

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(There is no date on this letter. Since it discusses the placement of a railroad station or depot it would perhaps fit into the time-frame at this spot. The paper was covered on both sides so a "P.S." was at the top of the first page.)

I find that station and depot are used as synonomous, station being the more common term.

Dear Sir

You know the situation of the lands upon which I live. They are not for sale. Mr. Holt will not (I believe) under any circumstances take the responsibility of selling any portion of them. A town at the door of a farm house is not desirable. Under these circumstances you will readily believe that I have no anxiety to have the rail road station nearer to me than your property lines. I assure you that such is the fact. But I am anxious to have a station within 3 miles of me.

Judge Denning, Sam'l Casey, Montgomery, Wm. Browning & Duff (probate judge) have sent up a petition setting forth that the interests of Benton will be much promoted by a station at or near Lawrence Dry's. Great pains has been taken to induce the belief that this is the spot unanimously selected by the people of Benton & vicinity at which they could most conveniently reach the R.R. I am rather disposed to believe that very few of the people of Benton are aware of the application. I do not communicate the fact of their having made the application, with any injunctions of secrecy. I do not care who knows it.

I think that R.G. & Wm Murphy & all that region could be best accommodated by a station on the high ground between Samuel Mc Ilvane & John Bowling. If there is not one there I believe there will be one at some point between there & Jonas Lipes. Then there will be no chance for a station at your place. Probably the next one would be somewhere in Mud Prairie.

Now will you allow me to suggest what appears to me to be the best course for us. Then you make all the improvements you can upon it and put it in operation. There are some even on the West side of the river (Beaucoup) who prefer having the station here, to having it at your place, because they think here is the ?a?ds?rest situation for a town. In union is strength.

Draw up a letter to me with a request that I will lay it before those who have the decision of the matter. Say that you wish to have a station at or near the point at which the rail road intersects the line dividing Section 17 T5S R1W from Sect. 20 in the same township. That if the construction of the road is such as to render it inexpedient to locate a station near the point above indicate. They wish to have it at or near the point at which the R.R. intersects the line between Sects. 5 & 8 of the same Town. Then go on to state that the subscribers reside on the West side of Beaucoup river which they most cross to reach the R.R. That not only do the roads now existing lead to the above named points, but the formation of the river and its adjacent bottoms, will ever prevent them constructing roads to reach other points, as conveniently as they can these points or some point between these two.

This I think should be the substance of the communication. I know some persons on that side of the river who are anxious to have the depot here. When you have got as many names on the paper as you can I will employ some one to circulate it & see what he can do. When we have done all we can do in this behalf, we will endeavor to get Murphy & Co. to act in behalf of Bowlings & McIlvanes place. As a citizen I have the same right to look out for No. 1 as the rest of mankind have.

As an agent of the company I shall so far as in me lies act impartially.

I shall be glad to hear from you & learn your views when convenient. You will of course consider this as a confidential matter between ourselves.

Respectfully      B. G. Roots

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Vandalia Ill. 27 Jany. 1853

? Jones

Dear Sir, During the operation of the 2/3 (Cav?) L. D. N. Lathrop wrote to me that the notes which has left in Ill. must be collected and if I recollect aright at his request I called upon Thomas Morris to

see if he could pay up. Morris said that he could pay at a certain time. With a view to take the matter out of the operation of the 2/3 (Cav.?) I called upon you and got two notes which you held for Lathrop, ? Morris & took one new note payable at the time Morris said he could pay.

I believe that the witness to the new note was Hiram Jones, since deceased as I have heard--As I intended to send you the new note instead of the 2 old ones. I did not put it away in my place of keeping notes & the name of the witness was accidentally torn off. Since then I have suffered Morris to be insolvent but in a case in which he offers himself for bail recently he gave an inventory of his property & more that he was worth \$800. above his debts. I have reason to believe that within a very short time he will be all broken up again, but if you will go yourself or send Col Edwards between this & the 25 of Feb (the quicker the better) I believe you can secure that note. It would not do to send it to any of the Benton lawyers But if one of you will go and tell him what note this is, that it is the one he gave to me for Lathrop in the place of those two, he will acknowledge that it is all justly due. Then perhaps it would be best to draw up a new note right on the spot and you witness it. Work it some how to remedy the want of a witness, signature to the note you now have & then insist on its being secured forthwith. All that I have ever done about the note I have done in good faith, but I suppose that Lathrop professes not to think so. I therefore feel particularly anxious to have it seen to immediately & if one of you will go & do the best you can to secure it. If you do not succeed well enough to justify you in charging Lathrop for your trouble a ?? after you have made the charge you can not collect it I will pay you myself.

Let Morris understand that when he gave me the note, I took it to you & that you as agent for Lathrop are trying to collect & that I have no interest in it.

Please write to me at Mt. Hawkins, letting me know how you succeed and oblige

Yours Respectfully  
B. G. Roots

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(Inventory of H. B. Jones land, not all of the land descriptions will be typed. A short description was given at the side of each list.)

John Bourland place on the railroad, 400 acres.

Jack Pyle place in the arm of the 9 Mile, 200 acres.

Holte Prairie place, 280 acres

Pinckneyville place, 396.66

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(This letter is written in the ordinary way and then the paper turned and written across the previous writing making it very difficult to read.)

James Island, S. C. May 31, 1864

Dear Rose

Your kind letter reached me today and judging by the time it was on the way somebody must have felt lazy as well as poor Pickarous, and you never grumbled about my letter being written with an \_\_\_\_\_. I wish I had several of them now on this hot sandy and heaven forsaken Island.

One Regiment was ordered to this place just when we were preparing for the mountains. The (Gausters?) had manifested a desire to spend the summer of James Island in order to send their dispatches by a shorter route to the city but old Sam Jones said it wasn't to get so he brought the 1st & 2nd Cavalry and put them on here and told them to stay here, which I think we will do unless we are eaten up by gnats and mosquitois or die with fever and like that case I suppose we'll stay anyhow. The G/Yau??us have landed twice since we came but were driven back both times and everything is quiet now except the usual amount of shelling. The city comes in for its usual amount of hard were every day.

Rose, I received a letter from the "black eyes" the other day rather giving me fits about writing to other girls and you among the number & said that you and I were "taking on" with each other (now don't laugh) though how she came to be so well informed I cannot tell and as I have not, nor never expect to answer the letter I suppose I never will know as it is not worth thinking of, if she had known that we were old friends and correspondents for ten years she would not have been so much surprised. She broke off the engagement herself and it is broken off entirely and forever with me and never can be made up again. Neelys Cru?? has I fear "done for" me and the vacant "hurt to l?t" is being rapidly filled, but I think I must have one understanding with the occupant, that is, that I be allowed a full and free liberty to write when I please to my friend Rose.

And now Rose I ask a favor which I hope you will grant. You know when a train of cars are heavily loaded that every additional pound of steam helps to put the train in motion and keep it moving, so if you will just slip in a good word now and then when "the course of true love is running heaviest" it will help the engine to reach the top of the hill.

You will naturally ask who she is, well guess, and you ladies are good at guessing, if I am to judge by the reports made by some of the fair ones a few Sabbaths ago. Now I suppose you will go to scratching your cranium like you did about the lucid discription I give of the "black eyes" if you cannot come to a safe conclusion I will tell you---sometime.

My (meso?) pictures commence with Miss No 4. I cannot give you anything amusing or interesting but no apoligy so here goes for W. M. Robbins alias "Old Dad" "Sugar Bill" how he came by the two dignified titles I am not aware only I know that he of course got them from the Co???. Old Dad was a volunteer in the Mexican war and soon after getting to the seat of war ?ind a substitute and then set up a milk and mush sign and sold "flapjacks" to the soldiers he soon aquired the name of Mush Robbins and was known as such throught the Regiment. Old Dad is six feet in his stockings dark skin dark hair dark eyes and rather of a dark principlly he has never been in a fight, is a regular Hospital ??? no account to himself his God not his country and so Capt Wilson thought and transferred him to Lucas Battalion of regular Artillery a few days ago.

Wm. Wylie comes next and it is usless to say a word about him. You know his character as well as I do he is the greatest liar in the Regiment though I must say that Bill is a good soldier He is as well known in Virginia as in Saudt????? J. A. McKeoun with the snub of Dr attached rather imperfectly to his name having lain drunk with Dr Lee for six months and then dragging through one course of Sections in Augusta Ga. he passes himself away from home as Dr. McKeown, and at home passes for Jim McKeown a trifling, lying, lazy Picture taken having followed the latter business until he would drink up all his alchohol and have now to carry on his business.

? L. McKeown do do only he lay drunk six months pretending to study medicine tho really only to find how much while it took to keep him drunk all day and never went to Augusta. M. L. McKeown do do only. he got drunk and remained so without studying the principles of alchohol and Dovers Powders. R. M. Dodds the celebrated Poker player of Co. D. and the greatest rogue in the company for I have known him to steal a poor womans skuttles in Virginia when the was of no earthly use to him in the world only he wanted

I have known him to steal the Captains tin cup and sell it to one of the company when he knew it would certainly be found out.

I have given you the true picture of Miss No. 4. I guess you will say that there is not much talent in it but it is a true picture and I have not painted the subjects but give them plain. You speak of my letters getting ?????fully less and I see you have concluded to be even with me by getting paper small enough for a marriage notice if you continue such small paper you must issue double sheets like newspapers. Well Rose I suppose you will think this letter long enough so I will stop short off by asking you to remember me to your mother and Mrs Walker and believe me

Ever your friend Will

Rose there seems to be something significant in the expression you use "that you infer that my heart is not be let alone" please explain yourself a little more clearly for that is one point I am interested in. Rose you are pretty good at flattery and did I not know such to be the case you might spoil me. I can give you no explanation farther than that a man generally uses the intellect nature gave him and if she's sharing with her gifts he must use some substitute or be considered a fool which none care to be Rose this is just the hour when M mist do congregate and one old grey b??? seems intent on sending his love to Cousin Cousin Cousin Rose

Will

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(This paper is not copied in its' entirety. It is dealing with the conveyance of land by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Perry County, 1866, Dec. 15th. Signatures are listed.)

John R. Jones and Frances G. Jones his wife

Ann W. Jones

B. W. Jones & L. G. Jones his wife

(signed by) J. M. Brown Clk. by C. H. Roe, Depty.

(Also attached to the above paper, dated March 23, 1867, are attachments before a justice of the Peace in

Jackson County, Wm. Schwartz, J. P., involving the following persons.)  
**Richard Jones and wife Mary J. Jones**  
(Same type of paper, dated January 19th, 1867, Marion county, James S. Jackson, clerk)  
**DeWitt C. Jones and wife Ettie L. Jones**  
(Same type of paper, dated January 3, 1867, Montgomery county, Joseph R. Blackwell, N. P.)  
**P. P. Hamilton and wife Lucy M. Hamilton**  
(Same type of paper, dated December 18th 1866  
**Chas. H. Roe and H. V. Roe his wife**

(Letter heads are in bold print. Is the "machine" a typewriter and is he working at night? Why?)

**Office of**  
**Circuit Clerk and Recorder,**  
**Perry County** **Pinckneyville, Illinois**  
July 4, AD 1888

Dear Vash

I received your letter this evening when I had returned from Cutler. We had a very nice time except that it was hot. Every one was very pleasant and tried to make all the visitors enjoy ??????? They had a brass band from Tilden and had a ladies string band, 4 ladies, who did very nicely and another string band, and a fife & drum corps, singing, base ball, and plenty to eat. We came back on the 4 train. The Pinckneyville & Cutler clubs had a game of ball, in which P came ahead, which was very unusual.

It is too hot tonight to write or do anything else. I am waiting for it to cool off so that I can go to work. I am copying John Boyds speech, on my machine.

Well I have talked to ?eoph a half hour and begin to feel cooler.

I got a half dozen of the photos of the children today and sent one to E R Row. If you know of any one who wants one I have some to spare. I will give Thelph & Jennie one.

And you want to come home already. I was in hopes you was going to get so much better you would feel encouraged and would want to stay until you thought it would be a permanent benefit. It may be it will be of benefit anyway, and that you will continue to feel better after you get home.

I sent you a registered letter last week with 20.00. I suppose you have got that by this time. If that is not enough go to the Bank at Chanute and draw on me through Murphy Wall & Co. or Smith & Co. for as much as you want.

When you get ready to start telegraph me what time you will get to St. Louis and I will meet you if you think best. I think it very likely you will have to remain in the city for a few hours. I can come up and probably pay expenses by making some purchases.

Pinckneyville is very quiet tonight. Every one almost went to Cutler during the day. We had two cars full and some went to Du Q., some to Coulterville & to Sparta. Murphysboro also had a celebration. So you see we were about the only ones lacking in patriotism.

Bob Jones, Oscar Payton & a young fellow from DuQuoin are visiting the girls tonight. All are well. I suppose the folks see your letters, so have to write with due regard for the audience I have.

Yours Charlie

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**Office of**  
**Circuit Clerk and Recorder,**  
**Perry County** **Pinckneyville, Illinois**  
Aug 1 or 2, AD 1888

Dear Vashti

I drop a few lines and quit work to say I sent you a yard and a half of Seersucker. I also got some 3 1/2 cent lawn to make wrapper of. I suppose you would prefer something of that kind as you have to change so often. Shall I send down the goods and let you make the dress or shall I have the girls make it and send down. Can they make it to fit.

Whistle when you wish me to send down some more money. Send before your pile gets too low as you will want to keep enough on hands to provide for contingencies.

It is so awful hot I can hardly write. Sweat coming out at all points.

I spoke to Billy today about the hernia. He thought it should be replaced if it was a portion of the

duct. If it was examined it might be a growth on the outside. Do as you think best in regard to that and it may be you would prefer to have Billy replace it in which case you could come up and have it attended to and stay a few days or as long as you thought best. He may come down Saturday. If he does I will tell him to see you about it.

It was so hot today that Jennie & Kate gave in and went upstairs and to bed. They were down at supper and I suppose they will be all right after the cool night has \_\_\_\_\_ them. I don't know how soon to come down, want to come Saturday, but have paid out 10~~00~~ on mill bill and 12~~20~~ to Beck on store bill today and it makes me feel "kinder" flat and don't know how I will feel about Saturday afternoon, will come soon as I can, or sooner if you want me to come. I know you must find it hot down there, but it might be just about as bad here. Fannie put up the Ducks yesterday in the coop and says one of them kicked the bucket. Did not ask which it was. Then as the chickens are eating the tomatoes about as fast as they grow. I put the calf in the pasture today and will have a new fence put around the stable lot so as to hold the chickens. Is there anything I can send you.

Yours truly & affectionately Charlie  
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Office of  
Circuit Clerk and Recorder,  
Perry County

Pinckneyville, Illinois  
Aug 6 AD 1888

Dear Vashti

Am so sleepy I feel like a Bump on a Log- but will write a few lines.

The girls have been busy today making apple Jelly-when I got home this morning they said they had been badly scared by a storm this morning early. Mrs Schrader said said it made her house rock as if it would blow over and she was scared badly too. A good many of the folks got up and lit their lamps. It must have been a pretty hard wind as it blowed so hard that it rang the Methodist Church bell.

Our man across the street is getting ready to build. I understand he will put up a big two story frame, something like John Bischofs.

The folks enjoyed their melon and had enough for dinner & supper.

How was your Morphine today. I suppose you would not miss it, but I shall be glad to hear that before the week is out you can miss it again for a day or two without feeling the pains.

Walter Smith asked me about ?? Springs today. Thinks he will send Laura down.

If you think you can take time now and then to make Bro something to wear I can send you down money to buy the stuff or send the stuff from here.

I am so sleepy I will have to quit and go to bed and try and catch up. Yours Charlie  
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Office of  
Circuit Clerk and Recorder,  
Perry County

Pinckneyville, Illinois

Aug 10, AD 1888

Dear Vashti-- After doing divers and sundry and a hundred other things to-night I will now give you a turn before I quit the office.

Yes, I always get your letters the next day after you write them.

Fannie told me today she was not going to Chester, that only Jennie & Kate were going. That being the case I intended coming down with her and Hattie next Sunday the 19th but upon second thought I cannot come with them, for the Republicans have their big rally at Du Quoin on Saturday the 18th and it would not do for me to not be there so I expect that I will send the two down by themselves, if I can get excursion rates and I suppose they will have rates to the Baptist meeting. I was disappointed when I found out the fact of both matters coming at the same time.

Kate and Elias went out riding this evening. Had not got back when I left home.

Would you like to have me fill up a box with ham, beef, sardines & ship down to you? I can send by freight without costing much and save you some running. If you would, say what you would like to have put in it and I will fill it up for you. What did you have for supper? We had well, let me see, we had

bread and butter, ham and prunes and muskmelon. We do not get ice any more, the supply has run out so we are out of ice-tea which was our standard drink.

I emgaged a half bushel of nice peaches from Sam Whitley this evening and will have them canned. Our own are all very small, except the tree at corner of the house and that has a few really nice peaches on it, but not yet ripe. All well.

Yours Charlie

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Office of  
Circuit Clerk and Recorder,  
Perry County

Pinckneyville, Illinois

August 15, AD 1888

Wednesday

Dear Vashti

Bob arrived home this morning, very unexpectedly to us. He tells me you had not got any letters since Friday. Your mails must be out of whack. I have written every day this week so far, except Sunday, so you should have had one Tuesday and one today, and tomorrow for this one.

You had better call on me for mail delivery. I will get there every time, so long as the mail carrier keeps all right.

Ernie is getting along all right I think. Cross some but does not seen sick. Her appetite is not quite so good as it was but the children are taking more care about her eats. She and Bob have been thick, most of the day and he will take more care of her than the youngsters.

Fred Beck has sold out his goods to Horatio Wells, who is now running the store. Fred had let his stock run down and his trade was not so good as formerly and I judge he was not making much money ar he would not have sold.

Jennie Clarider was up to see us last Monday & I think it was for the first time since you went to the Springs. I was going to say "since you went off" but concluded the other phrase was more correct. Theophilus is having a "time" with a sore finger. About half the fellows you meet have a finger or hand tied up. seems to be epidemic. Theopl was about to have a "felon" but managed to keep it back, at the expense of a badly burned finger with the medicines he used. He has the contract to replaster the old Carter house, as soon as it is ready. Mr. Murphy will have the house repaired and changed until it will almost be like a new one. Every body is busy now at work and probably work will be plenty all fall. I made an abstract for Miller for Morh's old lots this evening. He intends to borrow money and go right to building. Said he would put up a house costing about \$1400.

Jennie and Kate got off this morning after so long a time. The girl at Chester wrote to Jennie that she was glad they had not come last week as she was then sick with the "mumps and things", but was all right again, but last Tuesday was their washday and not to come until Wednesday, when she could meet them.

Brother Wallis was around to see me this morning before I got out of bed. Came to see about the parade for next year. Said that Brother Franklin was willing to stay for another year and wanted to know what I thought of it. He final concluded that as Franklin's family was small and the church paying so small a salary that he had better return him to this charge and I guess that will be the arrangement. We might do better possibly as to preaching but the chances were that we might not do so well, and as the missionary fund might not be donated to us next year as it was this year, the prospects were not good to induce others to come. Our collections each Sunday for the preacher only average about \$200 (\$2.00) or about \$100 to \$125 for a year. It is very likely the charge will not pay more than 200, for the twelve? months and that is very scant pay.

Next Sunday we take in the probationers. Ernie & Jim & Mrs Norbury, Annie Kiowan and one or two others. I think when our town gets to filling up with the new-comers we will probably get some members from that source. The rail road officers move down on the first of October, and this becomes Head Quarters then.

Well, here I have put in almost three quarters of an hour writing and have not said very much either. My sending down my old pantaloons to be made over for Bob missed fire, by Bobs return home. I guess you can send them back when the girls go down and I can have them ripped and washed & then have Brey cut them out for Bob, and then if you want to I can send them down and let you sew them up. Meanwhile you might try and see how they will do for a bed fellow. Sleep with them a night or two and see how it will go.

I send you a letter I got from Sallie Boyer Tuesday. I guess I will hardly go to the soldiers reunion. It would not probably cost a great deal, but I do not think I can afford it. I notice that the fare from St. Louis to Cincinnati & return is only \$5.00.

I send you a big pin that I got out of some papers in the mail today. I have one still larger but will keep that until I come down. If you want it I will give you that one too.

I understand from Mr Menschke that Mrs Murphy will go down again about next Monday or Tuesday. I saw her with Sister out riding yesterday Sister looks rather in bad health and yet not so very much so. A little pale and delicate.

We have re-roofed the parsonage and have bought "No. 5" for the Sunday School. I let them have my copies without the music and they bought 25 of the Books with music, as they will be pretty well supplied.

No more folks married that I have heard of and I have not heard of any new babies but from appearances Mr Mayatagon will have to make room for a new granddaughter or son pretty soon and I think something is the matter with Billy McCandless, Ed Hawkins and Sam Hawkins. Sometimes I think and then again I don't know. Well if this letter keeps you interested for a while I shall feel paid for writing and meanwhile squeeze yourself for me right hard.

Yours Charlie

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Office of  
Circuit Clerk and Recorder,  
Perry County

Pinckneyville, Illinois

August 24, AD 1888

Dear Vashti

I send you a few lines to keep up my end of the row. This makes four letters for the week, two to your one. I will have to quit writing so often or they will get to be so plenty you won't care whether they come or not.

Kate was down today looking first rate and thought she was all right again but this afternoon she had a hard chill with considerable fever. She will have to begin a course of quinine and get acclimated to Illinois climate. The girls are all right and I have Fannie busy preserving pears and tomorrow want them to can some peaches. I got a bushel of little ones from Mr Kirivan today. He promises to bring in some good ones in a couple of weeks.

I suppose you have not heard that poor old Mrs Butler is no more. She was married to Mr. Mann?, her bro-in-law. I met them on the street and went to supper and she introduced me to her husband. He is 73 yrs old and she is 64, but he looks like a very nice man and looks much younger than his age. Both seem well pleased. It was unexpected to every one except her own folks.

I learn this evening that Lawyer Pierce died at Du Quoin today. I did not hear what was the matter except that it was something the matter with his stomach. He had been up to Springfield on a visit of a month and had not been home more than a couple or three weeks. Some of our parties when at Du Q last Saturday heard that he was sick and Bresse went up to see him but they would not let him go into the room but I had not heard of it until today.

Everything in town is rather quiet. Sophia Bayless has taken possession of Klotz' old store I suppose as I noticed a light up stairs this evening. She and some other person are going to run a milliner shop there. That will make four on the public square and unless women become very dressy, or some others come into town, their custom will have to be spread out pretty thin to reach around all of them.

The folks met at our house last night for glee club practice. Maud and Zoe and Servis came. Fannie & Maud were offish and stiff but think they will get along. I shall try to get Servis to practice and sing with us. He seemed to enjoy it and was a great help in my part as I was alone. Henry Schaub and wife could not come as they had company but will be on hand Tuesday next.

Mr. Murphy told me he had a letter from his wife today in which she said that you were looking better than she had seen for a long time so I judge the water is doing some good and probably the resting from work doing as much as the water. I'm afraid you will be so lazy when you get home you will want to lay around all day and that we can't get you out of bed until after the trains are all in. If you intend to keep comfortably in bed much of the time you will have to have more covers than I have been getting lately. One old quilt has been my supply and if the children didn't keep me hot launching out with their feet and kicking me in the side I would have to climb out these cold nights and hunt up more "kiver". I

know where the pile is and if it keeps cool will have to put on some more.

The Democrats have asked a meeting of their committee and I guess are making preparations to nominate a ticket. I shall be glad when they are through so as to see what is to be done. Jo Pyle is talked of some for clerk and I understand is willing to run again. Davis for States attorney is about the only one they have.

It is half past twelve and time to go home. "If you can bring them down, I will show you"-- What?

Good night      Yours      Charlie  
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Office of  
Circuit Clerk and Recorder,  
Perry County

Pinckneyville, Illinois

Tuesday, Aug 21, AD 1888

Dear Vashti-

Yours received. You wrote before that you thought I did wrong to send the money and wanted to talk plain about it. I knew of no more plain way than to give you the bare facts, and gave them to you accordingly. You can draw your own conclusions from them. I do not ask you to take my judgment in the matter. If from Lucy's letter you find any evidence of good will towards me, and if from Ed & wifes letters you find any evidence of ill will towards me, then you have some evidence upon which to base an opinion, and find some excuse for her. I form my opinion from what I know and from the tone of the letters I have received from all of them. If you think I have taken any steps to alienate Lucy and yourself you may possibly have some foundation for it in other matters, but in this matter I have no more to account for than if she had accused me of horse stealing and I had made defense to it. I had either to say she was correct in this matter or say there was no truth in it. You are now to judge of the matter, and form your own opinion. If Lucy by her own act has convicted herself of a malicious attempt to create disturbance in our family and make more "splits" between us than is proper, I am not to blame. If the facts convict me of a charge of attempting to "mash" Ed's wife then I am to blame and must be found guilty. Further than that I do not see that I can say anything.

I do not know what necessity there is for a fight-- as you suggest fighting it out alone. Lucy's letter either requires to be answered or thrown in the fire, that is all. I gave you the material sufficient to answer it, and kept a copy of the statement. Either you are to rest content with your own knowledge of the matter, and say nothing, or answer as you think best.

If you regret finding Lucy's charge true, you cannot blame yourself for anything. If you regret to find that Lucy is wrong then it is very funny, because the pleasure should over balance the pain.

I have no scruples in the matter in forming my judgment, but this thing of being looked down upon by anybody seems ridiculous to me. I am curious to know upon what she or any of her family can base a claim for superiority, sobriety, intelligence, industry, wealth, independence of character, love of fellow citizens or for the, or what? where is it? I am of opinion a smile of derision is about the only way to meet such a suggestion.

I intended going to Sparta this morning to the Senatorial convention, but caught cold, Sunday I suppose, at church, and did not feel well enough. Had fever all night and took some pills before going to bed.

Theodore Bacher was buried this afternoon at 1 1/2 o'clock, and Jo Bischof at 3 o'clock. I intended going out to Theodores but got there too late. A number of the Post went out. There was a large attendance at Bischof's funeral. Germans very largely. Bacher was afflicted with Yellow Jaundice or some stoppage of the gall-duct. Bischof had dropsy, caused no doubt by drinking.

We had a pretty heavy rain this morning as an ending of two or three days \_\_\_\_\_ and today it has cleared off, and we have prospect for a few days clear weather.

What was that you had in the basket in the hall closet, and in the old pocket book? I found something in the pocket book all rolled up and stuck tight as wax that looked like an old ball. I suppose you are resting this week.

Yours, Charlie  
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Office of  
Circuit Clerk and Records,  
Perry County

Dear Vashti

Pinckneyville, Illinois  
Wednesday Aug 29 AD 1888

I got the letter this morning that you wrote the "28 or 29" but I did not get the double dose. The one dose was not hard to take and I should have been glad to try the double dose. You need not try very hard to cut the letters shorter. I can always find time somewhere during the day to get to read them and the longer the better I like them. I am sure to find something of interest in all that you say even if it is nothing more than gossip small talk. You did talk me to sleep that night we were last together but I was awfully sleepy and I kept my eyes open just as long as I could for I knew you was enjoying having a chance to talk at your ease and I was ashamed not to be able to keep awake after you had been so nice to me, but then I can take out the letters and read them at anytime when the fellows are all gone. I read them several times generally during the day and hunt out the nice places and then lock them up in my safe at night ready for the next one. I have them all put away together. I suppose you have mine for if anybody should get them to read they would find some funny places in them, that are not meant for any bodies eyes but your own. I guess we have a right to talk to one another and say what we please, in-as-much as we cannot say more than a beginning upon paper, to what we might say off the paper and if the letters do contain a few H & K's and such who has a better right. There, I will bring you down, when I can get a chance to come, paper enough to write a book if you want it. It's too bad that you have not "had a decent point" since I "went away." Shall I bring you one down? The trouble is you have a way of soon wearing the point off. You will have to get you a knife, can send you one of mine as I have two.

Yes if you can make your catsup without troubling your house-proprietor and can get the tomatoes, I do not see why you might not make some if you are able to attend to it. We have plenty of green tomatoes but the chickens have not let one get ripe this summer, otherwise we would have had an abundance of them. I have the stable fence tore down and will build a new one as soon as I can and then try to keep the chickens up. I went down to Jennies this evening to ask her about the leg-horn chickens. She says that six of them hatched. She wants to know if they are all roosters, who will get the hens. There are three of a light color and three dark ones. I found Jennie and Theoph both sick. She was just giving Theoph a dose of calomel and was grumbling because she was sick and had to give him the dose. She said she had been sick for a week or more and did look out of sorts. She looks odd with her teeth all out and her lips down in. Janie Price was in the kitchen doing the work. Jennie laughed about your butter which she put in the bucket for Charlie last Monday. He came up town and promised to go back and get it and that was the last of it until today when Fannie went down and got it. Charlie left the bucket lid in the office where it remained for a couple of days when I took it home, but did not know but the butter had got off all right. Fannie said this evening that Mr. Yocum had been sick all day and had the Doctor in to see him. This damp weather will no doubt cause considerable sickness and a dry season would be a good thing for the present.

I went to Mr. Beck's and got a couple of geranimuns which I send in the mail for your friend Mrs. Crealsprings. Ours was all too big to do any thing with. I have tried a great many slips this summer but they have all rotted in the box. I brought some up to the office tonight and put them in pots and covered the dirt with sand and am going to try them here and see if I can do any better. If they do well I will see if I can sprout a dozen or so for setting out next spring. My foliage plants are all doing nicely. I have six or eight different kinds that Mrs. Beck gave me.

If you have so many peaches down there you will not want me to send you any more. We can get them here at 50cts but not very nice yet. If you think best you might can a couple of dozen, but don't undertake too much. Your catsup may be all you want to attend to.

I asked Kate this evening when she intended going home. She wanted me to let Fannie go to St. Louis with her to the Exposition and as I know it was not open now I asked how soon they wanted to go. She said they would go in two weeks from Friday or Thursday as she did not like to start on Friday. So that she was only joking when she said she would go Thursday, did not say "what" Thursday. She wanted me to let Fannie come to Louisville after the election was over. I got Charlie a pair of pants today and Julie's turn will come next. We are going to have a Republican rally in Beaucoup precinct Saturday afternoon. It will be the first I know of in that precinct and I guess we will manage to scare up a corporal guard. John Boyd and Dr. Payton are the speakers. I may get back in time to come down Saturday night so don't "shut up" too tight. Keep your hopes about half way up and yourself half ready

to give me a welcome if I should come bobbing in about ten or eleven o'clock.

And you think I don't want to see you "1 1/2" as bad as you do me. Well, 1 1/2 are a good many and I don't know how bad you want to see me, but I am willing to bet another dollar on that too. By the way, I don't think I can bet more'n a dollar. That is as high as I can go, but if you win your bet we'll see about the stakes. You can take all that is up, and you want to see me for my "own self-not for something else altogether." Well that is an honest confession, and a mixture of wants. "Me too."

I want to see you, but four weeks is long time, ain't it? I appreciate your desire for company as well as other things and shall enjoy another day down there, going to Sunday School and climbing your hills. We will want to get out and see more of the country the next time. I want to see "Turkey-tracks", is that what you call it and the other places of interest. What time do the trains go down to the end of the road, down to the big hills Murphy spoke of? If I could only spare a day more I would like to go down and see them. Well, this is long enough to keep you reading all day and I will stop, besides I have the headache and it don't get any better by writing, although I forget it while I am writing. "How things" by this time? Puffed up with expectation? I guess not--"never does"--"what-never?" "No never--well hardly ever".

Yours      Charlie

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Office of  
Circuit Clerk and Records,  
Perry County

Pinckneyville, Illinois

Sept 18 AD 1888

Dear Vashti

I forgot the cash, Thought the ten would run you over the week and paid no more attention to it for that week I hand you another \$5~~00~~. (\$5.00)

I supposed you knew of the Re-union and did not know I had not spoken of it.

You are at liberty to come home whenever you want to. I supposed you did not want to come home until the first of October. That has been the idea I got from you.

Jennie Jenner is up helping the girls to-night. They want to get their dresses done and have a lot of work to do yet.

We did not get the rain you speak of having, but had cloudy weather & high wind from the North West the most of Sunday. I sent Bob the Harrison song in shorthand. If he can not read it I will print off a copy.

I have an abstract to make yet and it is now half after eleven.

Yours      Charlie

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(This is from a small notebook from the American Cast Iron Pipe Company. It includes jokes, table of the weight and thickness of electric cast iron pipe, a 1921 calendar. The subscription price is "Your Good Will" and the Motto is "Make pipe dreams come true." In the back are many notes about genealogy. We presume these notes to be made by Mrs. Wallace who has been researching the families mentioned in following letters.)

Clifford Roe, father George W. Roe. Mrs. Kouns, Valiparaso, Ind.  
dau of Harrison Roe

Mrs. B. W. Andrews 24 Hunter St. Woodbury, N. J.

Robert Castle Roe b. Mich 1-1844 d-Fort (Fost?) d 2-15-'62

T. S. Roe b Lebanon O. 1-9-1819

Thos. Sloo Jr. served as State Senator in 3rd General assembly from 1822-24

Thos. Sloo Jr. surveyed the town of McLeansboro June-1821

W. G. Roe Atty Frederick, OK.

Mr. Daniel Roe 2625 Mildred Ave Chicago-picture of Daniel Roe

Frank Stockton a cousin of ours

Look up Macoupin Co. history for Metcalf & Jones.

Ky land grants 1782

Ky daughter B. W. R. Jillson

Collins History of Ky. has list of Rev. soldiers who settled in Ky.

1913 Book of Ky. Sons A. R. has list of Rev. soldiers from Va.

Dobyns family at Providince Ky

Abbyville Ky, for Longleys & "Aunt Leannah" -book  
Wilie Jones was a patriot of N. C.

In John Longleys AutoBiography Eleanor Ann Fludd tells of g-m's sampler & thier trip from N.Y. cy.  
to Maysvill Ky. (Mayslick) 1790-91

Wm. Jones was a bro to Elizabeth Jones who m. Wm. Metcalf. R. Jones to Ky. 1786 Richard father  
of Wm.

Rose Reager, Tyler Ave. Buechel, Ky. RFD  
Allen Reager Starks Blb Louisville Ky.

Daniel Roe preached from the Old Temple of Longworth St. Cincin. O.

Maria Roe died at Flemingsbury, Ky. 1832 at home of Reynolds who m. Longley sister of John &  
Martha E.

Thos. Longley of NY & wife Ann Floyd Longley removed to Ky. abt 1789-90

John Floyd & Leanah Vaudue m. Nov 9, 1759 NY m L

Ann Floyd born Sept 1, 1761, m Thos. L. 5, 21, 1778

had son Rev. John Longley b NY & dau. Martha Eleanor

Thos. Longley pro. died Mason Co. Ky.

Gabe Jones, served in Rev. from Bibt Co. Ga, d Floyd Co. Ky.

Who was B. W. Jones, who lived at Shawneetown in 1823-5 whose father died there & why did he call  
grandma Cousin Harriet, was his father a son of Richard & brother of Wm. Jones as Will Jones had  
as Will Jones had Bro, I am sure he was.

Wm. Jones & 1st wife-

Humphrey B. b. Jan 13, 1799 prob. Shelby Co. or Hopkins Co.

David-

Betsy, m Jesse N. Finley 12, 27, 1824 Hopk. Co.

Sally m Leo F. Hamilton (Dr.)

Wm Jones & Lucy Mott Dobyns m Hopks Co. Feb 11, 1815

H. B. Jones & H. Dobyns m Hopks. Co, June 9, 1822

see NY marriages, see copy at Newbery Libray. Floyd Van Due Longley

John & Leanah (Elonor) Vandue

Floyd m NY marriage lic. Nov 9, 1759 had dau Ann born NY cy. Sept 1761 who m. Thomas Longley  
May 21, 1778 NY lic. Children prob all born NY city were girl who became Mrs. Reynolds. Rev John  
Longley (was) Campbellite preacher

Martha Eleanor who m. Daniel Roe Dec. 1807

Will of Edward Dobyns dated Oct. 12, 1788 (Eurony?) his wife, sons Edward & Fred, both m ???  
Mott, Lucy & Sarah (?) all born in North Farnham Parish Richmond Co. Va.

Richard Jones was granted land in Christian for service in Rev. War. His dau. Elizabeth born in 1-15-  
1780 according to McCoupin Co. hist. m in Ky. R. Jones Metcalf. Wm. Jones a son of Richard was b  
in Va. 1772

H. B. Jones b in Ky. 1799.

Richard Jones Rev. So. ?o. warrant 1609 Sargent Cont. Line, war term & date Aug 21, '83

R. Jones & Elizabeth State records N. C. Vol 17, pg. 223, No. 2673 Vol 4 pg 593-640 Vol 22 pg 372

W. R. Jilson old Ky entries & deeds. Look for McCoupin Co. history

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94 Thetford Ave. Dorchester, Mass.  
June 22, 1922

My dear Cousin:

I have not found time to copy E. R. Roe's autobiography yet but an writing may way as I know  
that you want your **Finke** line. The **Finkes** are a very old family in England and were "well-to-do" and  
used a coat of arms. The earliest name which I have found is of a **James Finke** who resided in the  
Parrish of Wighton, Norfolk Co. Eng. He was born probably about 1510; had sons **William**, **Simon**,  
**James** and **Edmond** and three daughters.

**William** born, I suppose, about 1540, went to London and became a prominent member of the  
company of goldsmiths. He m. **Mary (Wetherett?)** in 1564 and had **Mary**, **William**, **James**, **Thomas**,  
**John**, **Edward**, **Sarah** and **Rebecca**. **James Jr.** m. **Judith Thomas** in 1593 and had **James**, **Robert**

and Alice.

Robert m. about 1632, Elizabeth (Fones) Winthrop probably at Boston. She was a dau. of Thomas and Anna (Winthrop) Fones of London. Anna Winthrop was a sister of Gov. John Winthrop.

Elizabeth m (1) her cousin, Henry Winthrop, son of Gov. Winthrop. Henry Winthrop was drowned at Salem, Mass. He was a good swimmer but was taken with cramps. Robert Finke was a Lieutenant, owned large tracts of land at Greenwich Conn., became insane. He d. at Watertown, Mass in 1662. His wife m. (3) William Hallott.

The children of Robert Finke were Elizabeth, Hannah, John, Robert and Sarah. John b. about 1639, probably at Waterstown, Mass., d. at Matineco?k, L. I. in 1724, was a prominent member of the Society of Friends, m. 1673, Mary Priar, dau. of Matthew. They had Elizabeth, Hannah, Mary, John, Robert, Sarah, Martha, Abigail and Deborah.

Robert, b. 1683, d. at Killingworth upon Matineco?k in 1773. He became a Baptist: m. Clemence Ludlam, dau. of Joseph Ludlam. Robert's children were, Clemence, Robert, John Deborah, Henry, Charles, Elizabeth, Sarah, Charles, b. 1718, m. Catherine (Titlear?) This family name also written Le Titlear and was afterward shortened to Titly. He d. 1799. His wife was b. 1719 and d. 1805. Resided at Oyster Bay, children, Daniel, Ann, Mary, Elizabeth, Clemence, Sarah, Esther and Deborah. Mary Rinke, b. Oct 20, 1743 m. William Roe in March 1764.

The whole line is:

1. James Finke of Wighton
2. William " " London m Mary With???? 1564
3. James " " m. Judith Thomas, 1593
4. Robert " " and New Eng., m Mrs Elizabeth Fones
5. John (?1639-1724 : m. Elizabeth Priar (1656-1702)
6. Robert (1683-1773) m. Clemence Ludlam (1683-1760)
7. Charles (1718-1799: m. Catherine Titlear (1719-1805)
8. Mary (1743- ) m. William Roe, 1764

About the Roes, It is said that they came from Ireland. If so, they were probably from northern Ireland as they were Protestants. The L. I. Roes descend from David of Flushing and from John of Brookhaven, probably brothers. Each had sons John and Nathaniel and daughters Mary and Elizabeth. E. P. Roe was a descendant of John Roe. Daniel Roe who m. Deborah Brewster also descended from John Roe.

You refer to Dr. Hamilton Roe. Can you tell me where he belongs. My guess is in the John Roe line. The St. Louis Roes belonged to the John Roe Line. John James Roe was a prominent man in St. Louis about fifty years ago.

Your brother refers to a friend, Glen Roe. I should like to secure his address. I do not know his line as I have very little about the Roes b. since 1850. If he will give me his line as far back as he has it, I can probably complete the line. I return your brothers letter. He knows how to describe what he has seen and heard.

I shall be glad to secure information about any Roe lines. Hope that some of the relatives at Chicago and Louisville will manifest an interest. Would be very much pleased to secure information about Mr. Arthur Roe's line.

I notice that you say that I may keep the typewritten material. Thank you- very much.

Cordially yours, Clarence A. Torrey  
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R. M. SKINNER, M. D.  
FLENINGSBURY, KY.

Nov. 16, 25 (1925)

Mrs Jennie Roe Wallace

Pinckneyville, Ill.

Dear Cousin,

Your letter rec'd and very glad to hear from you. I am afraid I will not be of any service to you in regard to information regarding the Reynolds and Longley families, as I made quite an extensive

inquiry and search for them for our cousin Clarence Torrey with no success. I am going to go into the court records, when I return from Florida in the spring, and see what that will uncover. The only Reynolds family ever known here live here now and the name was introduced less than 35 years ago by a man who came here from Chambersburg, Pa. and married. I will do my best to find all I can for you, and hope I may be successful. I am going to Lebannon Ohio also, as I think there is a lot we could find out there if we could only find some one who has made a study of it. My grandfather, **David Skinner** died when my father was two years old, (my father if living would be 90 years old) and he knew comparatively nothing of his father. I never began hunting up my ancestors until it was too late, as all of the old people who knew anything had passed away. Very recently I was sitting in my office and the thought came to me that my father had a photograph when I was a child of **Lucy Skinner** and they always told me she was from Lebanon Ohio. Now who knows but that my grandmother **Sarah Roe Skinner** was visiting some of the **Roes** in Ohio and met **David Skinner** and married him. The oldest one living is an aunt by marriage who married my fathers oldest brother and lives at Indianapolis says she was told by grandmother **Sarah Roe Skinner** that **David Skinner** was an eastern man, but this was all she knew about him, so this may have some bearing on the **Roe** family at Lebanon (sp) if we can straighten it out any way. I wrote to a woman in Washington D.C. who is working on the **Skinner** record and she said there was a branch that moved to Ohio, so he may have been one of them. When I go to Lebanon I will try and hunt up any records I can to help you out, and as for annoying me, you could not start a subject that I would be more interested in. You were not anyways near my home when you passed through Kentucky. Hopkinsville is in the southwestern part of the state and we are nearly in the north eastern--60 miles from Lexington the hub of the horse universe. I drove to Florida in August, going by Chattanooga and Atlanta and came back by Augusta G. and Greenville S. C., Ashville N. C., Knoxville Tenn. I met some **Roe** relatives at Clarmont Fla, last winter who were very fine people. They are bankers and formerly from Iowa. I presume you know them, as **Torrey** told one of them. If you ever go through Ky. again be sure to come by Flemingsburg and stop with us. You can go to Carolines this way better than any other, come to Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Lexington, Ky, Richmond, Corbin, Middlesboro, Cumberland Gap and on into Tenn. You would come north a little at Lexington (no end to this letter)

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R. M. SKINNER, M. D.  
FLEMINGSBURG, KY.

Aug 20 - 26 (1926)

Mrs. Jennie Roe Wallace  
Pinckneyville, Ill.

Dear Cousin,

Your letter to hand and am glad to hear from you again. I returned from Florida in April. I have quite a few friends in Bradenton, spent one winter there, have some very valuable lots on Anna Maria Key. Yes, Mas?n Co. is the adjoining county to us and I was born in Mas?n Co. and lived there until I was 24 years old, when I graduated in medicine from a college in Cleveland O. then going to Owensboro, Daviess Co. Ky. where I practiced medicine for five years, coming here in 1891, married in 1892 and have lived here ever since. We were never blessed with any children of our own, but always mothering some one elses. I presume the Longby's took away all the family, at least the male portion, when they left, as I never knew any one by that name there. I know the county clerk in Mason quite well, and he is a good friend of mine, and as we are all torn up in this section building new roads it may be a long time before I get over there so I would advise you to send him your letter. Then if you don't get any satisfactory results I will see what I can do for you. The early records were in the name of Bourbon Co. as Mason was once a part of that county, and the court records were burned at one time, losing all records prior to that time.

I notice in the **Roe** records sent me by Cousin **Torrey** that quite a number of **Roes** once lived at Lebanon, Ohio. I have never been able to trace my fathers family any further than his father, **David Skinner**, as he died when my father was two years old and were he living he would be ninety years old, so you see I never had a chance to find out much about that side of my family. What I started to say was that the only instance of my **Skinner** relatives that I ever heard of was a photo that I can remember as a child seeing among our stock of photos and daguerreotypes a girl with curls and a pretty face and my

mother told me "it was Lucy Skinner and she lived at Lebanon Ohio." Now it is barely consistent that my grandmother, Sarah Roe, went over to Ohio and visited the Roes over there, and met David Skinner, who was possibly a resident or a visitor at their home. I would give a good deal to know something definite about him, and further on, but until the connection is established we cannot know to which branch of the Skinner family he belongs. A Mrs. Fernald in Washington D.C. is getting up a history of the Skinner family but I must find out which branch I am a descendant of before I can get very far.

I had a cousin, John J. Skinner, who died a few years ago at Danville Ill. who was a prominent man there. He was of the same strain of Roes that I am, and there are a lot of them around Indianaplois and Greenfield Ind. Whitcomb Riley and John were great chums and you can find the names of several of the Skinner boys in his books.

Now, you try the county clerk at Maysville and if he isn't forthcoming with the information I will see what I can find out. Glad to hear from you again. Your Cousin R. M. Skinner (over)  
P.S. You will find my lines on page 31 under Jacob Roe and my grandmother the first child. Then on page 12, under Wm. Roe you will see your relationship to me. R. M. 8

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Pinckneyville, Ill 10-10-27

County Clerk, Edgecomb Co, N. E.  
My dear Sir,

We have reason to think your Co. records contain information of one Richard Jones, who removed to Ky. from N. C. about 1786, was granted 700 acres of land in Christian Co. Ky. for service in Rev. War. He was prob. m. between 1765-1772 as his son Wm. was born in N. C. 1772, had dau. Elizabeth, ???? etc. Will you look over early m. & births & see if you find m. of Richard Jones, birth of his children or other data concerning this man. We do not know who his wife was, but think her given name Elizabeth. In records at Frankfort, Ky. we find State Records of N. C. Vol 4, p 640 following persons were admitted to their rights, Richard Jones, Edgcomb 4 white. Edgcomb, at that time was a county in Halifax District.

Do you have Rev. War records in your office. I am very anxious to find his marriage, but any record of his family would help to identify him. I enclose small fee, Very Respectfully Yours  
Mrs. Thos. L.

Jennie Roe Wallace

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Washington, February 1, 1930

Dear Mrs. Wallace:

Had a letter this morning from Mrs. Flora (Eddleman) Davis of Christopher, Ill., (my aunt Emma Tuthill was her step-mother), and I understand Mrs. McCormick is touring So. Ill. in interest of her campaign for the U. S. Senate. . . I am not keen on women assimilating the prerogatives of man, but in this case I am strong for Mrs. McCormick because it would be one of the most awful things in our history if we should be drawn into the entanglements of all the troubles of Europe. AND OH BUT THEY ARE KEEN TO HAVE US DRAWN IN AND DOWN WITH THEM. Senator Deneed is in favor of the U.S. going into the League of Nations and how he can ever expect to be re-elected, I do not see, for the people of Ill. have voted more than once against such a procedure. . Here's hoping they will snow him under for trying to be elected on such a platform.

I have looked for your Jones material, but so far have not found it. I know it is around somewhere, but it has been so long, and there is such an accumulation of data for about 100 of more people, you can imagine how difficult it would be to locate a letter on short notice, unless of course, my current files. I will certainly keep my eyes open, and as soon as I come across it, will send it to you.

Yesterday was Board meeting day at the DAR and almost 2,000 new members were admitted, and among them were 7 applications which were my handy-work. The Womens' Patriotic Societies have always been in session for the last few days at Continental Hall, so things have not been any too quiet around there. . . but nothing as swirling as they are at Continental Congress in April . . . of which you still have a vivid recollection, no doubt. Since you were here . . . last October in fact, we dedicated CONSTITUTION HALL, which stands on the back of the lot where CONTINENTAL HALL is. . . only facing on 18th street, while Continental Hall faces 17th st. . . Now the entire block is full, and both halls are frequently rented for recitals, lectures, concerts, etc., etc., so that considerable revenue comes in

from that source. With the DAR taking in almost 2,000 new members since the last meeting December 10th, less than 2 months, you can see you have the honor of belonging to an organization that is growing sure enough.

You mentioned Desraeli . . . I had a friend, an Englishman, who saw it and raved over it . . . said I must go, etc., but I could see how it would appeal to him as one of the pictures used for advertising showed the star wearing a monacle, therefore most have been quite English. They show motion pictures at the First Congragational Church here on Sun. eve. And from a handful of people they have crowded housed . . . Have been showing the YALE HISTORICAL SERIES, and they are fine . . . The Colonial History of the U.S. Last Sunday was Daniel Boone, and tomorrow is Wolfe & Montcalm. But our new pastor at the Church of the Covenant (Presbyterian) from the pulpit spoke as though not in favor of movies in church. Probably those who use the movies argue that the END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS.

If your family Bible says that William Jones was born in Va. Apr. 15, 1770 that is very good, but unless it ways he was the son of William Jones you are up against it. . You will have to prove which of the dozens of Wm. Jones who served in Va. in the Rev. was yours. If you have a land grant for a Wm. Jones in Christian Co., Ky., and it was for Rev. War service that is all you need, and that will be accepted in lieu of his death record. Maybe he died in Christian Co., Ky. Write again when you get back from St. L.

Sincerely, Capt. Jenks

If (Is) your Congressman out of jail  
or is he still bootlegging? I wonder  
what his friends think now?  
All the good Baptists & Methodists  
who voted for their dear dry brother.

(This letter was typed on the reverse side of a program of the U.S. Marine Band Orchestra to be held at the Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C., December 11, 1929-8:00PM, Taylor Branson, Leader and Arthur S. Witcomb, Second Leader. The concert included songs by Sousa, Wagner, Tschaikowsky, Tregina, Wagner, Rachmaninoff, Ponchielli and Coates. It also included the Marines' Hymn "The Halls of Montezuma" and "The Star Spangled Banner.")

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(This letter is incomplete. The pages had been separated but this seems to be the way they should be joined.)

(First section)

Already had heard from Mrs. Stanfield and had put a big fat woman to work on them. She would easily make 3 of you & is one they have recently employed to help the genealogists, tho she has had some other position there for years. Mrs. Ramsburgh. I know exactly what the trouble is with her, she has big money for what she does on the side in looking up DAR records & of course has lots of friends in all the chapters here & I know one lady hwo got action on 4 supplementary papers in less than one week after she put them in. She is a pers. friend of a friend of Mrs. Ramsburgh's. Now I haven't any idea what they have done or will do with your papers, but you can rest assured they will have you sweating drops of blood before they will allow you their approval, because you virtually reported them for careless delinquency to Mrs. Stausfield. I expect she told them there was no excuse for allowing papers to lie for over a year when hundreds of supplementals put in since yours are being passed every month. I was sorry I said anything to them about being interested when I found your own letter had gotten action. I go there quite often & want to be friendly with them if I can. The queries in the magazine are handled exactly as the suppl. papers--friends & those with pull get first consideration. Those outside the ring don't get their queries inserted very often & if they do. They wait for months.

I absolutely have your Dobbyns family completed back of the Rev. & still can't get the service of Edward D. straightened, anything you send in now will be scrutinized & criticized to the limit. What new evidence did you get of their being in that part of country during Rev.? You wrote you got it via (end of page, next possibly followed.)

----family record route. Where were they living? Have you been to Newberry Lib. yet? And did you find anything? Your letter dated Aug. 2nd said "soon" so you probably have been or maybe there now. Yes, I will send you all I have of your Dobbyns if you want it badly enough to pay for it before I have the

service straightened out. The bill is \$20.00, includes a will & names and dates of a generation back of your Rev. Dobyns ancestor, also some Mott data. I have sent the money to Rickmond for the service record a month or more ago & no reply to that letter or others that have followed it. I have now written to Mrs. G. McCutchan to know what I can do. Her sister is a very well known woman in Richmond Society and cousin Alice may be willing to go to the State Library or call them on the 'phone, and see if she can get action. Just send on the \$20.00 and I will end the suspense you are in. Mother's cousin, a drs. wife from Chicago, paid us a visit & went several times with me to Cong. Lib. She writes she went to Newberry Lib. and found it nothing to compare with the Cong.

I have seen more than 100 Roe items, but Clarence didn't employ me to help him & I just couldn't take time to copy them & he might already have them anyway. Be sure to tell him never to complete his book without getting all the data from the Pension office here in Wash. All wars from Rev. down to Spanish Am. inclusive.

Sometimes fine family data is found in old Rev. pension claims, whole pages of family bibles, etc. I think I have the first of your Jones Line, (Lorents?) of Richard, & a fine line it is too, a Reverend Jones headed the line. If Mrs. (Arbogast?) wants me to help her I will, be glad to do so, why don't she write me? Also your brothers wife? Sincerely, Capt. Jenks

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(This sheet is in the same handwriting as the previous one signed by Capt. Jenks, it too is incomplete) --like the first families of Va. for aristocrats. Now about the Longley. I sent you the appln. papers all ready except no dates of death for Thos. & Ann or b. of Ann. The most help I got was out of John Longley's autobiography and I thought I sent you the references. You ought to have a copy of his book for there is where it tells about his grandmother's or mother's sampler & their trip from N. Y. city to May' Lick, Ky. as it was then called in 1791. If you are in doubt about your Longley paper passing, you might return it to me & I will look it over & see what I think now. How many \$5 did you send me? I thought I sent you two lines, Roe & Longley for which you sent me \$5 each & now \$5 for Boyer or Keighley. So if I'm wrong please tell me. Mary Traux was ancestress of another Roe line that at first I thought was yours. No, I don't see any indication of Mayflower but it is likely Clarence T. has it---

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(No date but this deals with the same families as much of the preceding correspondence.)  
28 Eighteenth St., S. E., Washington, D. C., Sept. 20th (no year)

Dear Mrs. Wallace

I do not know what to make of your letter, as you were so anxious for me to do your work on the Dobbins line, and now I have it done, and have paid for the wills, and family record back beyond the Rev. ancestor you do not send me the money. I have actually paid out \$15.00 in cash to complete this line, and if it should develop there is no Rev. service for Edward Dobbins father, why should I be blamed for that and have to lose all I have put into it? I am sure you do not expect to hold me up in any such manner. You see why it is that genealogists always require pay in advance-- The people never want to pay when the work is done, for one reason or another. You sent me \$5.00 a few months ago, and if you feel that you must subtract that from the \$20.00 I asked you to remit in my last letter, you may do so, leaving me nothing at all for my work, the \$15.00 being what I have actually paid out to get what I now have on hand.

The idea in writing to the County Clerks in Fred. and Aug. Counties was to find out whether any one by the name of Dobbins ever owned land there. If they did, then we can show the DAR that it was the man I have found commissioed as Ensign, who is your ancester. But you see as long as he was born, married, lived, and died in Richmond Co., Va., we will have to show some reason for his being commissioned on some other county. If he owned land there, or there was some reason for his being there, then it would be satisfactory to DAR. Now they are down on you for insisting on action on your supplementary papers, no telling what they will require of you. Of course your Edw. Dobbyne lived in Richmond Co., before the Rev. War. Haven't I the family record for a gen. or two back of him, and the work done by a man whose name is signed to the papers, and whose name is accepted by the DAR without question? Of course I have. And he has also sent me notes of the Mott line, which would give a clue to what you want and where to write for a will that would show parentage of Randolph Mott. No use for you to go ahead and pay for records that I have already paid for. The only thing yet in doubt is whether the father of Edw. Dobbins served in the Rev. And I have a letter from Richmond that says

Thomas Dobbyne, the brother of the father of your Edw. D-- put in a claim for recruiting duty during the Rev. War, which very likely was exactly what Edward's father was doing, over in Augusta and Frederick Counties--recruiting duty. Only he took the pains to be commissioned and therefore got his pay, and did not have to file a claim against the state as his brother who was not commissioned did have to do. Your Mott will with the girls left out would not carry any weight with the DAR-- They would not accept it at all, unless it names every child and even then the married names of the daughters must be given or proof of their marriage. And as far as being more than one Randolph Mott in the same county--I have just found four Benjamin Bugbee's in Conn. who served in the Rev. War, and three of them from the same county. So don't be too confident there was only one R. Mott in Northumberland Co. during the Rev. War. If you want me to find out whether Randolph Mott served in the Rev. War, I can do so for \$3.00, that is by using some of the \$5.00 you sent me for postage. They charge at Richmond \$1.00 to make the search to see if his name is borne on the list of soldiers, and then they charge \$2.00 for a certificate if they find the name. So you can do as you please about this. In the Dobbys case, I sent the dollar and had the search made, and not finding his name, they did not ask for the \$2.00. But did tell about his brother Thomas Dobbys filing a claim for pay.

There is no Battleboro in Frederick Co. now, but no doubt the Clerk at Winchester, Va. would know what and where the old town was and what it is now called. It certainly looks as though the Dobbyns and Motts must have had land in Frederick Co., since the children of the Rev. soldiers went there on their way west. But that will not be sufficient for the DAR to prove that it was your Dobbyns who was commissioned from Fredk. Co., unless you can find that he owned land there in 1779 and 1780 or soon after. For the history of the Dobbyns family that I have gives the names and dates, and maiden name of wife, etc., and proves they were married and all in Richmond Co.

I am very much afraid Clarence is not going to get half the Roe's into his book. . I will try to get his local street address, the one I mean who has just joined S. A. R. here, so C--can write him. He is interested of genealogy of course since he is a member of A.A.R., and would be glad to co-operate with any one trying to get the Roe family written up. For all I know he had to join on some other line than the Roe, and probably would be glad to know who his Roe ancestor in the Rev. War was.

Then here is a Hudnall address. . . And if you go at it right you should find that this man can tell you who has the Hudnall family record and also the family Bible possibly. For he is one of those who has remained right there on the old family estate all these years. For it was in Northumberland that your Frances (Hudnall) Caine-Mott lived. This was too far back for the Rev. was but if Aaron knows of some one who has a family record, possibly he could give their address and they would know where for you to go to learn about the Motts. It is the members of these old families who have remained on the ground who have the family records. He can give you some Mott names of those still living there who might be apt to be able to help you. You can't do more than ask him. But I already have bought and paid for the Dobbins ancestry, though of course if you want to pay some one else for it instead of me, I can't stop you. But I don't think you do.

Sincerely, Capt. Jenks  
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(Small typed note--the divider is theirs)

**Edward Dobbins** sworn into office Frederick Co. Virginia, May 2, 1780--ENSIGN.

(I do not know how it was constituted then but at this time Winchester, Va. is the county-seat. Is there any record of a man by this name being a permanent resident there about the time of the Rev. War. 1776 to 1783? Or was this the Edw. Dobbyns from Richmond County who may have owned land in Fredk. Co.

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**EDWARD DOBBYNS** recommended as Lieutenant, Virginia Militia, April 1, 1779. Qualified as Lieutenant, Feb. 2, 1780--in Augusta Co., Virginia. Staunton, Va. is now the county-seat of Augusta Co. And this is the spelling used by your ancestor throughout. I believe I would first see if I could not prove that this man was from Richmond Co., Va. though sworn into the service as Lieut. in Augusta Co., as his wife was from that section.

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(One sheet with notes over on one side.)

## **Floyd Vandue Longley**

Wanted anc. & Rev. record of John & Leanah (Elonar) Vandue Floyd, in N. Y. (m. lic?) Nov.

9, 1759

Had dau. Ann born N. Y. city Sept. 7, 1761, who m. Thomas Longley May 21, 1778 N. Y. (m li c.) Their children prob. all born N. Y. city were Mrs. Reynolds, Rev. John Longly, b. June 13, 1782 & Martha Eloron who m. Daniel Roe, Dec, 1807

Thomas Longley removed to Ky. Prob. Mason Co. abt. 1790 want birth & death of Thos. L. and any other inf. of the above families.

J. R. W.

(Notes) Pioneer Preachers of Ind. Sketch of Rev. Jno. Longley--by Madison Evans, Pub. 1862

(This paper is very torn, seems to be just notes on a family line.)

Chas. Dobyns b.---- m. 1726 d. 1769, Farnham ? Va.

Edward (son of Chas.) b Dec 30, 1743, m. Oct 31, 1769, d abt. 1788

Frederick b. March 26, 1772, m. Dec. 1794 (bro. of Ed.)

Harriet Dobyns b. Dec 24 180<sup>th</sup> m. July 9, 1822, Died July 9, 1879 (Wife of Humphrey B. Jones?)

? H. B. Jones b Jan 13, 1799, m July 9 1822, d. Nov 18, 1855 (Humphrey B. Jones?)

Harriet V. Jones b-----

(Dau. of H. B. & Harriet Dobyns Jones?)

Chas. H. Roe

(Husband of Harriet Dobyns Jones?)

----nie Jones Roe

(Fannie, dau. of Harriet Jones & Chas. H. Roe?)

----yle Wallace

(Husband of Fannie?)

(Questions are by the transcriber)  
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(This writing has no heading but does have the name of Humphrey B. Jones at the end.)

The munificent grant of land by the General government to the State of Illinois to aid her in the construction of the Central Rail Road has already imparted new life & energy to our people. They are everywhere comindent that if this grant is Indeciously managed it will secure the construction and completion of the road at an early day and that our state will at once take that stand among her sisters of the confederacy to which from her geographical position, the fertility of her soil & bountiful resources she is entitled. We are in the center of the great valley that streaches from the Alleghany to the Rocky Mountains and in the geographical & Commercial Center of the United States and there is at least a possibility that ere long we shall also be in the political center of the confederacy.

However the seat of the Federal Government shall be moved an event likely to be demanded by the country before many years it will in all probability be located on or near the Mississippi river. It will not go to Missouri or to any other slave state. Some One of the towns now growing up on the Illinois side of the river, or perhaps some advantageous point on this same Central rail road, or its northern or southern terminus is therefore as likely to be the future seat of the Federal Government as any other locality within my knowledge. With wise & prudent Legislation and energy & enterprize among the people it would be difficult to over estimate the \_\_\_\_ destiny that awaits the State of Illinois.

It should be remembered that this road is to be built by the bounty of the nation, that it is intended to be a great national highway commencing at the Southern & perhaps ultimately terminating at the Northern boundary of the United States, that it will be a bond of union between the north & the south, a ligament binding the states together with a moral force equal to that of the Mississippi.

How unworthy of consideration are the local interests of a few county seats on the borders of this road or of a few individuals who seek to enrich themselves by having it located on or near their possessions. I hope all such schemes & schemers will receive from the Legislature the treatment they deserve. Such matters should not weigh a feather in view of the vast interests state & national that are at stake.

We have been often warned that the danger most to be feared and the one most likely to defeat the final building of the road will be the c?????? efforts that are making & will be made to change its location. Nothing is better calculated to retard the progress of the work, waste the funds and finally defeat the making of the road than squabbles in the Legislature & elsewhere about its location. The line of the road as located by Col. Freeman in 1838 under the direction of the Commissioners of Public Works, after crossing Cash River in Alexander County attains the main summit of the country by taking advantage of certain branches of that river which are formed to run in a favorable direction. From there

the ridge dividing the waters of the Ohio from the Mississippi runs parallel with Drury's creek and the line of the road is located on the course of Drurys Creek to Big Middy river in Jackson County. After crossing Muddy river the road runs on a live post Oak flat to Elk prairie; between the Elk & Nine Mile prairies there is another narrow post oak flat and on entering the Nine Mile prairie the road is located on a ridge on slight elevation that divides the waters of Beauco[u] Creek from the waters of Little Muddy, thence through the Nine Mile, Paradise, Mud prairie, Grand prairie & to near the Kaskaskia river in Clinton County a distance of sixty miles & upwards it is said that there is not a single curve and there is certainly no obstruction more than a flat prairie, hollow or the like.

In the quaint but characteristic language of Governor Kinney in one of his letters as President of the board of public works "It is a railway by nature, at least so far finished as a wagon wheel would be that only lacked the tire."

I have resided in the counties of Union, Jackson & Perry for more than thirty years and have traveled over these counties repeatedly in almost every direction and I can say positively that no line could possibly be obtained any where between the Ohio & Mississippi rivers could compare with the present location so far as economy of construction & directness of course are consurred.

Col. I Freeman principal engineer of the Central Rail road in his report to Messrs. Kinney & Willard of Decr. 21, 1838 says:

"Before selecting the route for location in the southern part of the state a careful examination was made of the country . . . . The country for many miles east of the line is very broken and no line which could compare in advantages with the present one could be obtained."

"The entire line runs through a fine fertile country capable of supporting a very dense population, which will be able to supply a vast amount of transportation for surplus products on this line of road." So says Col. Freeman in his official report.

The line as now located runs as near the third meridian and also as near the line dividing the counties of Jackson & Williamson, Perry & Franklin, Washington & Jefferson & Clinton & Marion as the nature of the ground would permit, thereby giving to those counties advantages as nearly equal as possible.

If through this part of the state it happens to run a little nearer the county seats of the counties lying west of the Meridian than it does to those lying east, or a little nearer the western boundary of the state than the eastern it is a merely accidental circumstance & wholly unavoidable.

The idea of carrying the road throughout its whole extent through the exact centre of the State, that is to say, at equal distances from the Eastern & Western boundaries is absurd & impracticable, this in fact could only be done by following the zig zag course of the rivers by which the State is bounded.

There is another advantage in the present location that ought now to be overlooked. It runs through & near a region of Country in this County & Jackson where stove coal is known to exist in inexhaustable abundance.

A coal mine has lately been discovered near the line of the road on a tract of land belonging to the State and in and around Pinckneyville it shows out in a great many places and in almost every direction. A stratum of coal has lately been opened near this place that is about seven feet thick and above high water. In every direction around this place it can be found in situations equally favourable and let it be

remembered that the largest portions of these coal lands are vacant and are now reserved for the benefit of the Central Rail Road.

## Miss Purdy's School Article

We whose names are hereunto subscribed hereby promise and agree to pay two dollars and fifty cents per scholar according to the number of scholars annexed to our respective names for a school to be taught three months at or near the residence of Alexander Craig by any such teacher as may be employed by G. W. Hotchkiss, William Edwards & H. B. Jones or a majority of them. Said teacher to furnish his or her own boarding.

Subscribers Names

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| H. B. Jones     | 3 | John Craig      | 1 |
| Mat Jones       | 2 | Isaac Brown     | 2 |
| William Edwards | 1 | D. Baldwidge    | 3 |
| Joseph Walls    | 1 | William Davis   | 2 |
| H. W. Campbell  | 1 | Alexander Craig | 2 |
| G. W. Hotchkiss | 2 | ? F. Jones      | 1 |
| Alansa? Edwards | 1 | Depr?est & Co.  | 1 |
| Valaris Edwards | 1 |                 |   |
| Hugh U. P?a?um  | 1 |                 |   |

We the undersigned hereby respectfully offer to Miss Elizabeth Purdy the school mentioned in the foregoing article upon the conditions thereby specified.

The term to commence on Monday the 22nd inst. The Trustees will take upon themselves the responsibility and labour of collecting the money above subscribed. Miss Purdy is requested to signify her acceptance or rejection of the above mentioned school by the bearer hereof.

H. B. Jones William Edwards

I will assent to the terms specified in the above Elizabeth Purdy

(On the back of this paper)

January 28, 1840, Paid by H. B. Jones to G. W. Hotchkiss for Miss Purdy \$5.00 for which I am to  
\_\_\_\_ subscribed.

Recd. of G. W. Hotchkiss the sum of thirteen dollars on the within bill. Eliz. Purdy

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This indenture made and entered into this the thirtieth day of September in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine between Humphrey B. Jones and Harriet Jones his wife of the county of Perry and state of Illinois of the first part and John Steele, Charles L. Starbuck and William Edwards for and in behalf of protection Division Number one hundred and Seventy Seven of the Sons of Temperance of the county and State aforesaid of the second part witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the Sum of one dollar to them in hand paid by the said parties of the Second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have given, granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said John Steele, Charles L. Starbuck and William Edwards for them to hold in trust and for the use and benefit of Protection Division number one hundred and Seventy Seven of the Sons of Temperance until said division shall be authervised to hold real estate in the name of their trustees then the title shall vest in them and their successors in office for the use and benefit of said Division the following described lot or parcel of land being and lying adjoining the Town of Pinckneyville (to wit) beginning at a point on the west side of Main Street forty three feet and Seventy Seven hundredths south of the South East corner of lot number fifty in the original survey of the Town of Pinckneyville then running due west ninety nine feet then south forty nine and a half feet then due east ninety nine feet then north to the place of begining together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

To have and to hold the above described premises unto the said parties of the second part forever upon condition there be built on said lot or parcel of land a house thirty six feet long and twenty six feet wide and two stories high, the low? story to be forever free for all orthodox denominations of Christians to use as a house of worship under the controls and direction of the trustees of the aforesaid Division, on failing to erect said building within one year from the date hereof then null and void and of no effect but on complying with the above condition in putting up the building so far as to complete the outside work. Then the said Humphrey B. Jones and Harriet Jones his wife as aforesaid the aforesaid promises unto the said parties of the second part in manner and form aforesaid against the lawful claim or claims of themselves their heirs or any and every other person or persons whomsoever do and will warrant and forever defend by these presents in testimony whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year herein above written.

H. B. Jones      Seal  
Harriet Jones      Seal

State of Illinois  
Perry County

Be it remembered that on this day the above named H. B. Jones and Harriet his wife personally came before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for Perry County afore said and acknowledged the foregoing indenture of bargain and sale to be their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein specified and the said Harriet being by me first examined separate and apart from her husband.

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Pinckneyville October 22 1852

Messrs. T. I? Compt? & others

Gentlemen

I find it very difficult to resist the urgent & flattering appeal contained in your letter of the 20th inst. A similar request was made by the portion of the people of this county some time ago and although I have an earnest desire to be in Springfield next winter yet after mature reflection and some consultation with others I became convinced that it would be impossible for me to leave home without a violation of even higher duties than those we owe to the public. As nothing has since occurred to change that conviction I trust I shall be excused for declining to offer myself as a candidate for representative in this next legislation. With the most cordial thanks for your kind & flattering solicitations.

I remain your friend and obt. servt.

H. B. Jones

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The legislature shall cause to be collected from all free white male inhabitants of this state, over the age of twenty one years and under the age of sixty years a capitation tax of not less than fifty cents nor more than one dollar each, to be applied yearly to the payment of the interest due and to become due, from this state to the school, college and seminary funds; and if in any year there shall remain any balance of said tax, after the payment of the interest due for that year, such balance shall be paid into the State Treasury.

The Legislature shall provide for levying a tax by valuation, so that every person shall pay a tax in proportion to the value of his or her property. Such value to be ascertained by some person to be elected or appointed in each county, in this state, in such manner as the legislature shall direct, and not otherwise (but the legislature shall have power to tax pedlars, auctioneers, brokers, hawkers, commission merchants, showmen, jugglers, inkeepers, grocery keepers & (ferrages?) and persons using and exercising franchises & privileges, in such manner as they shall from time to time direct.)

"The following property shall be forever exempt from taxation--First--the wearing apparel of every person in this state. Secondly--the household and kitchen furniture of every house keeper in this state not to exceed in value the sum of one hundred dollars--Thirdly the real and personal property of the United States and of this state--Fourthly All lands belonging to the school fund of any township in this state, and every school house, court house & jail, and all county lands and buildings set apart for county purposes not to exceed five acres. Sixthly--every building erected for religious worship, the pews and furniture within the same, and the land whereon such building is situated not exceeding ten acres--Seventhly every building erected for the use of any literary, religious, benevolent, charitable or scientific institution, and the tract of land on which the same is situated not exceeding ten acres; also the personal property belonging to any such institution and connected with and set apart for the use thereof. (Note that there is no "fifthly" in the above.)

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State of Illinois  
Perry County

I, John W. Pyatt, clerk of the County Court in \_\_\_\_\_ the County and that

aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will and testament of **Humphrey B. Jones** deceased as presented and proven in the County Court of Perry

Given under my hand and seal of said court at Pinckneyville this 1 day of December AD 1855   John W. Pyatt clk

(Will of **Humphrey B. Jones**)

I **Humphrey B. Jones** of Perry County, State of Illinois to make my last will and Testament as follows

I appoint my wife **Harriet Jones** to be sole executrix of this my last will and testament and direct that she shall not be required to give bond as security while she remains sole and unmarried but if she should marry a second husband then bond and security shall be required from her and her said second husband as the law directs.

I authorize my said wife as executrix as aforesaid to sell any town lot or lots of which I may die?? sei?ed in Pinckneyville or elsewhere and to make and execute conveyancy for the same.

I also authorize and empower my said wife as such executrix to make and execute conveyancy (on payment of the purchase money) for any lot or lots or other real estate which I may sell during my lifetime and for which conveyances shall not made before my decease.

I have given and advanced to my daughter **Lucy M. Hamilton** in (paper torn) the sum of five hundred and sixty five dollars which is to be (paper torn) to her and accounted for on the final settlement of my estate.

I give and devise to my son, **Richard Jones**, the east half of the north east quarter of Section twenty five in Township five South Range then west having heretofore given him the north half of the west half of the same quarter Section the deed for which if not delivered in my life time will be found amongst my title papers and is to be delivered by my executrix. I also give and devise to my said son, **Richard Jones** five acres of land off the South end of the South West quarter of the South East quarter of Section twenty four in the Township and Range aforesaid in all one hundred and twenty five (125) acres of land which I value and charge against him at five hundred and fifty dollars. I have also given him a waggon & yoke of oxen worth seventy dollars making in all six hundred and twenty dollars which I hereby charge against my said son **Richard** and which he is to account for on final settlement of my estate. To hold the said land to him & his heirs & assigns forever.

I give and deed to my son **Benjamin W. Jones** the South East and South West quarters of the North East quarter of Section twenty nine and the South West quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section twenty Eight all in Township five South, Range two west, in all one hundred and twenty acres of land which I value and charge against him Seven hundred and twenty dollars (\$720.00) I have also given to my son **B. W. Jones** two hundred and fifty dollars in cash making in all nine hundred and seventy dollars to be charged to him and accounted for on a final settlement of my estate.

I give and devise to my son **John R. Jones** the north west quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section twenty eight and the Northease & Northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section twenty Nine in Township five South, Range two west, and to his heirs and assigns forever which I value and charge against him at six hundred dollars to be accounted for in a final settlement of my estate.

I give and devise to my son **Dewitt C. Jones** and **Harriet Vasti?e Jones** the south ease and south west quarters of the south west quarter of Section twelve and the Northeast quarter of the North West quarter and the North West quarter of the North East quarter and the South East quarter of the North East quarter of Section thirteen in Township five South, Range two west to hold to them, their heirs and assign forever as tenents common and I value and charge the same against them at the sum of seven hundred dollars each in all fourteen hundred dollars.

I have made no advancement to my daughter **Ann W. Jones** for the reason that her circumstances have not required it and I therefore direct that in the distribution of my personal property or proceeds of my real estate a share or portion be saved and provided for in money equal to the shares of my other children.

On settlement of my estate the several sums above mentioned and herein charged against my children respectively are to be brought into hotchpot with my whole estate real and personal and in all distribution of my estate the shares of my said children including the sum herein charged to them respectively shall be equal share and share alike. All the lands and real estate here in devised to my children are given and devised to them respectively in f?? simple. Finally I give to my dear wife **Harriet**

Jones with whom I have lived many years in uninterrupted harmony and who has at all times done everything in her power to promote my comfort and happiness and who has moreover contributed her full share toward earning and preserving what property we possess--all my personal property of every name and order, money, goods and chattles, lands, notes, book accounts, mortgages and all other evidences of debt or securities for the payment of money and also all the money that may arise from the sale of any town lot or lots that may be sold by her under the powers granted to her in this will, subject never the less to the payment of all my debts and funeral expenses which I hereby charge upon my said (town) property .

I also give to my said wife all the rents and profits of all my real estate not herein devised to my children. If my wife should hereafter marry I direct that thereupon two thirds of my personal property then remaining in her hands over and above the amount the law allows to the widow of persons dying intestate and also all the money thereafter to be received in payment for town lots be distributed to my children in such proportions as (including former advancements) and the sums herein charged to them respectively will make their shares as nearly equal as possible giving first to Ann in any distribution of my estate an amount equal to the amount received by Lucy, then to her & Lucy an amount which shall make their respective shares equal to the next lowest and so on until the shares shall all be equal.

Given under my hand and seal this 14th November 1855

H. B. Jones Seal

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(Newspaper clipping)

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Dr. H. B. Jones, deceased, late of Perry County, Illinois, are hereby notified to present the same before the County court of Perry county, state of Illinois, sitting as a court of Probate, on the 2d day of next February term there of when and where I shall attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted--& all persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment. **HARRIET JONES**, Executrix of the Last will and testament of H. B. Jones, dec'd, P. P. Hamilton, Att'y. Pinckneyville, Ill., Dec 5, 1855

(Attached letter)

Sparta, Ill, Feby. 1, 1856

I certify that the annexed advertisement had been published 6 weeks in succession, in the Western Enterprise & Journal a weekly paper published in Sparta, Ill.

Printers Fee \$2.00

**S. A. Armour**, Editor

(Note on bottom)

Please transmit the above fee to me directed simply to "Saml. A. Armour, Sparta, Ill." and not as Editor now as I sold out in January. If Mr. Hamilton is coming he can bring it

(To) Mrs. Harriet Jones

Saml. A. Armour

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(Newspaper clipping, paper not identified nor is there a date)

**C. F. Bates, Retired Business Man, dies at Atlantic City**

Father of Former State Senator Succunbs of Infirmities at 82

Charles F. Bates, retired St. Louis business man and father of former State Senator William Maffitt Bates, died of infirmities of age yesterday at the cottage of his daughter, Mrs. Arthur C. Hiemenz in Atlantic City, N. J. He had gone to Atlantic City last Tuesday to spend the summer.

Mr Bates, who was 82, was born in Erie, Pa., and educated in a private academy at Erie, where he was a schoolmate of the late United States Senator Selden P. Spencer of St. Louis. As a young man he came to St. Louis to work for his cousin, Capt. John J. Roe, president of the old National Bank of Missouri. He was later associated with the dry goods firm of Henry Bell & Son and Sam C. Davis & Co.

In 1879 he became treasurer of the Catlin Tobacco Company and continued in that capacity until 1900, when the company merged with the American Tobacco Company, of which he served as an officer for two years. In 1902 he retired from active association with a single firm, but later held a number of offices in companies in which he had an interest.

Mr Bates married Miss Nancy Chouteau Maffitt in 1889 and for a number of years until Mrs.

Bates' death in 1928 the family resided at 4325 Westminster place. Recently Mr. Bates had resided in the Greystone Apartments, Newstead and McPherson avenues.

Mr. Bates was a member of the Noonday Club, the St. Louis Country Club and the New England Society of St. Louis.

Another daughter, Mrs. Geoffrey Kimball, also of St. Louis survives. Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock from the residence of Mr. Bates' son, 5915 Lindell boulevard. Rev. John W. MacIvor of the Second Presbyterian Church will conduct the service. The interment, which will be private, will be in Calvary Cemetery.

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This paper was a stock certificate for SOUTHERN GEM COAL CORPORATION to T. L. Wallace, in the amount of \$100.00 dated March 18, 1921. It was incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware, signed by Chester A. Harris, President-Vice President.

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(There was no heading and no date on this letter.)

Papa's name, Charles Carrol Roe born in Dayton Ohio, Jan 12, 1814, died December 18, 1886, age 72. He married Maria Sybilla Jacob. She was born in Fredrichtown, Maryland, May 18, 1825, her mother's name Elizabeth White, an English woman; her fathers name John J. Jacob. They moved to Dayton when mamma was ? old. She was a widow with two children when she married my father. I can not find out what year but think it was in 1860. Their were four children born to them--Rose Crawford Roe, Charles Carrol Roe, Jr., Blanche Elvira Roe, Kathleen May Roe.

Yes, all the Roes are buried in Springfield, Ill.

Charlie, married a decendent of Gen. Sheridan, Hattie Sheridan. They have four living children; Charles Carrol Roe Jr., Philip Sheridan Roe, Robert Gilbert Roe, Lucy Turner Roe.

If there is anything else you want to know write me and I will try and find out for you.

I will be delighted to become a D.A.R. so send papers and I will get busy.

Kathleen.

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Clerk's office of the  
CIRCUIT COURT OF RICHMOND COUNTY, VA.  
Twelfth Judicial Circuit

Circuit Court

Hon. E. Hugh Smith, Judge  
R. L. Barnes, Clerk & Commissioner of Accounts  
E. Carter Delano, Deputy Clerk

Terms of Court

First Monday in January, March, May  
July, September, November

Warsaw, Va. Sept. 4 1939

Mr. H. W. Jenks,  
28 - 18th St., S. E.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jenks:

I note from my files I did some work for you in 1923 on the Mott and Dobyns lines. You will be delighted to know that since then I have made some new and valuable discoveries concerning your immediate line. Have discovered the maiden name of SARAH the wife of your Charles Dobyns, Sr. Proff of the fact is her father's will, 1732, a copy of which I could send you.

Too, I have found some rare depositions of the parents of Charles Dobyns, Sr., which were taken in 1703 and recites family history back into England.

Knowing that you would be interested in knowing of these finds and would want certified copies of the documents proving same, I am writing to inform you of the find and to offer a certified copy of these vital records to you, for the special charge of five dollars. There being no charge for the research--only for the copies.

Hoping to hear from you right away, if you are interested, I remain,

Very truly yours, E. Charter Delano

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**CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM**  
**THIS CERTIFIES**

That Jennie Jones Roe infant daughter of Charlie H. and Hattie V. Roe, born in Pinckneyville on the 2 nd day of October 18 69, having been presented for HOLY BAPTISM, and it having been solemnly promised that SHE shall be taught the nature and end of this Holy Sacrament, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe, in order to a virtuous and holy life; was this day baptized by me, in the name of the FATHER and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST, according to the Discipline and Usages of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

May 1st 1870

Wm. B. Bruner

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(No date)

In chancery

The Joint & several answer of Miles H. Bucklow & Leo F. Hamilton administrators of all & singelar the goods, chattels & effects of John D. Burklow deceased the arpendants to the bill of complaint of John Hall guardian of William J. Burklow and James W. Burklow, minor heirs of John D. Bucklow and complainant. These defendants reserving to themselves all right of exception to the said bill of complaint for answer say that these defendants admit it to be true that the said John D. Bucklow departed this life intestate at or about such time as in the said bill mentioned and that the said Miles H. Burklow & Leo F. Hamilton were by the Probate court of the said county of Perry appointed to administer on the estate of the said John D. Bucklow and that as such they reported to the said Probate court as in the said bill is stated. These defendants further say that the personal assets of said estate including notes & accounts which have come to their hand as administrators as aforesaid as will before and since the making of the reports mentioned in the said complaint bill of complaint amount to the sum of \$3512.15. And that the just demand against said estate adfudicated & allowed against said estate before & since the making of the said reports curount to the sum of \$1753.29 seventeen hundred and fifty three dollars and twenty nine cents.

The defendants assey that any debt has been re???ted as dispirate which at the time or at any time since the appointment of these defendants as adm. with proper deligence could be collected but admit that there are some debts so reported as desperate which by proper deligence may probably be collected hereafter but to what account or at what time the same may be collected these respondents are wholly unable to answer.

These respondents further say that on their being appointed administrators of the said John D. Bushlow and as herein above mentioned they found among his papers those promissory notes executed by James M. ?uistin to John Steele and amounting in all to the sum or \$1065.20 which they supposed belonged to the said John D. Bucklow and reported the sum to the said Probate court as assets in their hands to be administered but that after making such report an action of Det???? was instituted in the honorable Court by the State against their defendants for the recovery of said notes in which it was solemnly adjudged by said court that the said notes were the property of the said John Steele & not of the said John D. Bucklow or of these debts as his administration. The said notes were therefore included in the estimate of desperate debts in order that they might receieve credit for the amount of said notes.

These defendants further answering say that after their apornt? ??? as administrators as aforesaid they found amongst the papers and on the books of account of the said John D. Burklow a large number of notes and open accounts all of which were reported as assets in their hands and that on settlement with the persons charged therewith it was satisfactoraly ascertained that a large amount of the said notes & accounts had been paid off in whole or in part to the said John D. Bucklow in his lifetime and that the amount of the said notes & parts of notes & accounts so paid off to the said John D. Bucklow in his lifetime were also included in their estimate of disparate debts in as much as they entitled to credit for the same on their settlement with the said Probate Court.

And these defendants further say that they have in the schedule to this their answer annexed and which they pray may be taken as part thereof the description & amount of the said notes despose the said M'?'uisten to the said ????? & of the said notes & accounts & parts of notes & accounts which had been reported by the said defenda in their hands & which were paid to the said John D. Bucklow in his lifetime and also set forth in the said ??????? according to the best of their knowledge, information and belief what debts and said estate are desperate the name of each debtor the residence of each as known

to to said debts. And the precise amount due from each of said debtors for which these defendants claim a credit amounting in all to the sum of (Not completed)

(SAY WHAT??? Wasn't this is a real case of speaking "lawyerese"? This is probably out of date order as we have found a record which states that John D. Burklow died Dec 23, 1842)

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(There was also a listing of delegates to the Constitutional Convention, 1847, last names only of the delegates, counties handwritten. This was not typed.)

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(Too good to leave out, taken from the American Cast Iron Pipe Company booklet)  
BOLSHEVIKIE SCHEDULE OF WORKING DAYS

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Each year has.....   | 365 days |
| If you sleep 8 hours a day, it equals .....                                  | 122      |
| This leaves.....   | 243      |
| If you rest 8 hours a day, it equals.....                                    | 122      |
| This leaves.....   | 121      |
| There are 52 Sundays.....  | 52       |
| This leaves.....   | 69       |
| If you have Saturday Half-holidays.....                                      | 26       |
| This leaves.....   | 43       |
| Daily average for lunch, sickness and other causes of 1 1/2 hours equal..... | 28       |
| This leaves.....   | 15       |
| Two weeks vacation.....  | 14       |
| This leaves.....   | 1        |
| This being Labor Day, no one works.  |          |

As Mr. Smith was looking through the paper, he was astounded to find an announcement of his own death. He went to the telephone and called up his friend Brown. "Have you seen the announcement of my death in this morning's paper?" he asked. "Yes," his friend replied: "where are you speaking from?"

Two parrots, one owned by a minister and the other by a gob, were conversing. Said the minister's parrot: "What shall we do to be saved?" Said the sailor's parrot: "Pump like hell, boys, pump like like hell."

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